UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND LITERATURE

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS PAPER, JULY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER

INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE

ENG 204/IDE-ENG 204

TIME ALLOWED

TWO (2) HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 30 MARKS. THE TOTAL MARKS FOR THE EXAMINATION = 60%.
- 2. DO NOT REPEAT MATERIAL OR WRITE ABOUT TE ASME TEXT AT LENGTH MORE THAN ONCE.
- 3. CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING ANY READING MATERIAL INTO THE EXAMINATION ROOM.
- 4. CORRECT USAGE OF ENGLISH WILL BE REWARDED AND GRAMMATICAL AND SPELLING MISTAKES PENALIZED.

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- Briefly, but critically, discuss any three of the following concepts and cite their exponents - "Objective Criticism," "Expressive Criticism," "Mimetic Criticism," "Afflatus," "First Affective theory," "Poetic License" and "Catharsis".
- 2. What are the key similarities and dissimilarities between Aristotle's Ars Poetica (The Poetics) and Horace's Ars Poetica (The Art of Poetry)?
- 3. Discuss the basic contentions in the arguments on Literature raised by the Puritan Christians and Sir Philip Sidney.
- 4. How did Formalism emerge as a literary idea? Debate this in the light of the Russian and Anglo-American models of the concept.
- Show the connections between Expressive Literature and Psycho-analytic criticism.
- 6. How does Marxist criticism explain the links between society and Literature?