UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

EXAMINATION, 2009/2010 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE: ENG 304 / IDE-ENG 304

TIME ALLLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 30 marks. The total marks for the examination is 60%.
- 2. Do not repeat material or write about the same text at length more than once.
- 3. Candidates are not allowed to bring any reading material into the examination room.
- 4. Correct use of English and literary conventions will be rewarded and the contrary will be penalized.

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QUESTION 1

With detailed reference to one or two texts, show how the concept of feminism has been expressed in literature. [30]

QUESTION 2

With the help of two texts, show how deconstruction has been applied to literature by feminists or Marxists. [30]

QUESTION 3

How have the Christianized and secularized forms of existentialism been manifested in two literary texts of your choice? [30]

QUESTION 4

Is Marxist Criticism still relevant to the study of literature? How? Justify your arguments with examples from at least one African literary text. [30]

QUESTION 5

Define the philosophy of deconstruction. How has it been revealed in a literary text that you have studied? [30]