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LIT 3311: PRACTICAL CRITICISM

END OF SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS

Instructions

This paper consists of eight questions

Attempt any four questions

Start each question on a fresh page

1. (a) Define the term practical criticism **(05marks)**
Explain the four levels of meaning according to;
(b) Discuss the term meaning in practical criticism **(4 marks)**
(c) I.A Richards notes that the original difficulty of all reading, the problem of making meaning out of them in our obvious starting. Explain the four levels of meaning. **(16 marks)**
2. With clear illustrations, discuss the concept of “close reading” as emphasized by New critics **(25marks)**
3. Choose any African book of your choice and write a book review, ensuring that you answer the questions below **(25 marks)**
 - (i) Who is the author?
 - (ii) How interesting is the plot?
 - (iii) Are the characteristic believable?
 - (iv) Is the subject matter relevant?
 - (v) Is the setting special?

- (vi) Is the book comparable to other similar books?
- (vii) Is the narrative technique interesting?
4. Discuss the five types of criticisms, citing relevant examples (25marks)
5. Discuss the concept of the 5R's theory, explain how this contribute to the reader's understanding of a literary text (25marks)
6. (a) Explain the five approaches to practical criticism (15marks)
- (b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the five stages process of practical criticism (10marks)
7. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow

THE WORD

Is a pod

Quick with unspoken seeds.

Exploding in the dry season of occasion.

Is an egg

Broken,

It spreads

Ungather ably

Ear's food

Mind is nurture

Router of silences

Sun of noon's of action.

Niyi Osundare

- (a) Explain the meaning of the Title of the poem (04marks)
- (b) How does the title reflect on the poem's exploration (6marks)
- (c) What is the writer's intention and how is it relevant to the readers understanding of the poem (10marks)
- (d) Identify the metaphors used in the poem and explain how they are developed

(05 marks)

8. Choose a literary text of your choice and analyze the development of the theme and characterization, explaining how they contribute to the climax of the plot. *(25marks)*