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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: MAC 313
COURSE TITLE: CRITICAL WRITING AND REVIEWING
UNIT: 2
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO
QUESTIONS
TIME: 2 HOURS**

QUESTION 1

- (a) Discuss the critical thinking skills as they relate to critical writing.**
- (b) Define critical thinking in your own words.**

QUESTION 2

Critical writing shares affinity with other forms of journalism such as broadcast commentary, editorials, the traditional news story and the feature. Outline and discuss the differences between critical writing and other forms of journalistic writing.

QUESTION 3

- (a) What are the major functions of criticism?**
- (b) Which of the functions of criticism do you consider most important? Justify your answer.**

QUESTION 4

There are different approaches to criticism. Define three of them succinctly.

QUESTION 5

Mention and explain the rules guiding the theories of criticism in critical writing.