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14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MAC313

COURSE TITLE: CRITICAL WRITING AND REVIEWING

TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

(a) What are the major functions of criticism? 10 marks

(b) Which of the functions of criticism do you consider most important? Justify your answer.

20 marks

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 20 marks

QUESTION 3

(a) Discuss the critical thinking skills as they relate to critical writing. 10 marks

(b) Define critical thinking in your own words. 10 marks

QUESTION 4 Mention and explain the rules guiding the theories of criticism in critical writing.
20 marks

QUESTION 5 Succinctly discuss three approaches to criticism. 20 marks