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(ART) WITH IT
3RD YEAR 2ND SEMESTER 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR
CENTRE: MAIN

COURSE CODE: ALI 309

COURSE TITLE: MODERN THEORIES OF LITERATURE

EXAM VENUE: LAB 4

STREAM: B.Ed (Arts)

DATE: 16/12/2013

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00 AM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

- Q1. With close reference to literary theories and literary texts, discuss how your study of literary theory has enhanced your understanding and application of literature. (30 marks)
- Q2. Citing examples from Orature, demonstrate Sigmund Freud's assertion that dreams and folklore are the same. (20 marks)
- Q3. To what extent would you argue for or against the contention that *So Long a Letter* by Mariama Ba is an echo of the feminist theory? (20 marks)
- Q4. Explain Karl Marx's "base/ superstructure" model of society outlining its significance in literary criticism. (20 marks)
- Q5. Attempt a formalist critical analysis of the poem below. (20 marks)

The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh! I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way lay leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.