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**3rd YEAR 1st SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH IT
(SCHOOL BASED)**

MAIN

COURSE CODE: ALI 301

TITLE: CLASSICAL THEORIES OF LITERATURE

DATE: 1/5/2013

TIME: 14.00-16.00PM

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. This paper contains FIVE (5) questions**
- 2. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 Questions**
- 3. Write all answers in the booklet provided**

Q1. Critically evaluate the place of classical theories of literature in the contemporary literary studies [30Mks]

Q2. With relevant examples from Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, discuss the role that fear of abandonment plays in Willy's life [20mks]

Q3. Discuss Aristotle's ideas on the following concepts:

- a) Tragedy [5mks]
- b) Catharsis [5mks]
- c) Poetic truth [5mks]
- d) Imitation [5mks]

Q4. Demonstrate your understanding of Longinus theory of literature showing its relevance to literary studies in the modern times [20mks]

Q5. "...if the hero were wholly innocent, his misfortunes would offend our sense of justice...[but] if he were wholly wicked, the misfortunes would be merely what he deserves..."

Discuss Ola Rotimi's *The Gods are Not to Blame* in the context of this statement [20mks]