



KAIMOSI FRIENDS UNIVERSITY
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY THEORY

COURSE CODE: LIT 201

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 24/06/2026

TIME: 9 – 11 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. ANSWER SECTION ONE (1) AND ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION TWO (2).
2. PHONES, SMART WATCHES, EAR PHONES OR ANY OTHER UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL AND AI GADGETS AND APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM.
3. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THE EXAM ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED.
4. DO NOT WRITE ON THIS QUESTION PAPER.
5. ALL KAFU EXAMINATION RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY.
6. DURATION OF EXAMINATION: **TWO (2) HOURS**

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Question One

(30 marks)

- a) Discuss the relevance of African oral literature in the study of literary theory. **(14 marks)**
- b) Examine the key concepts of postcolonial theory in relation to African literature. **(16 marks)**

Question Two

(20 marks)

- a) Examine the role of the reader in the creation of meaning according to Reader-Response Theory, illustrating your answer with relevant examples. **(20 marks)**

Question Three

(20 marks)

Discuss Plato's critique of poetry and drama in *The Republic*, highlighting how his views on mimesis influence his attitude toward literature and its role in society. **(20 marks)**

Question Four

(20 marks)

Using Marxist literary theory, analyze how *Betrayal in the City* by Francis Imbuga portrays class struggle and the exploitation of the masses by the ruling elite. **(20 marks)**

Question Five

(20 marks)

- a) Define semiotics. **(4 marks)**
- b) What is the basic argument of structuralism? **(6 marks)**
- c) Examine how linguistic structuralism is used in understanding the working of literary texts. **(10 marks)**

