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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER : MODERN CRITICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE : ENG 304 / IDE-ENG 304

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer any TWO questions.
- 2. Each question carries 30 marks. The total marks for the examination is 60%.
- 3. Do not repeat material or write about the same text at length more than once.
- 4. Candidates are not allowed to bring any reading material into the examination room.
- 5. Correct use of English and literary conventions will be rewarded and the contrary will be penalised.

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Question 1

With detailed reference to two literary texts studied in this course, discuss either the contribution of Frantz Fanon or Negritude to postcolonial theory. [30]

Question 2

"Culture, class, race and politics have made it difficult to come up with an all-encompassing feminist theory." Justify this view through a critical discussion of the following theorists or activists:

i) Alice Walker

ii) Betty Friedan

iii) Simone de Beauvoir

[30]

Question 3

Using two literary texts studied in this course, distinguish the divergent views of existentialism by Jean Paul Sartre and Albert Camus. [30]

Question 4

Using Robert Browning's "My Last Duchess" and T.S. Eliot "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" distinguish between an interior monologue and a dramatic monologue. [30] 4