

TYPICAL CORRECTION OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAM (2018/2019)**Level:** Master II**Module:** Literary Criticism**Teacher:** Dida Nassiredine**Date:** 13th January, 2019**Time:** 10.15 am – 11.45 am**Duration:** 1.30 h**1) Comment on the following (03 points)**

“It is the function of Literature to create, from the rough material of actual existence, a new world that will be more marvellous, more enduring, and more true than the world that common eyes look upon ” (Oscar Wilde).

Students are expected to mention :

- aestheticism and symbolism (the rejection of reality as a material).
- reality constructed within symbols and language is the *real* reality.
- how art invents nature and uplifts the soul.
- Aesthetically represented reality is more beautiful than material reality .

2) How is “the Unconscious structured like language”? (04 Points):

Students are expected to mention :

- Jacques Lacan’s the “symbolic order” (how the child enters the world of language leading to his decentred and fragmented identity).
- Child’s identity swings between deferral and difference (Derrida’s *différance* and the relationship between the signifier and signified)

3) Why do the New Historicists believe that rewriting history is always subjective? (04 pts)

Students should mention:

- the importance of discourse and culture (ideology)
- the relationship between power and knowledge
- the past is a text (history a web of texts)
- human subjectivity and struggle for power
- the impossibility of excluding, when rewriting history, social, political and historical

factors

4) Why does Marxist literary criticism reject “Art for art’s sake”? (04 points)

- the commodification of art serving the bourgeoisie
- hiding the inner dynamic of history (class struggles)
- the purpose of literature is to stage revolution
- the separation between literature and reality

5) With reference to your research in the classroom, ask a question and answer it below (05 points)

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Students who did not participate in research presentations, they are not concerned with this question (n. 05). They will be examine on only 04 questions.