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Correction of M1 1st Semester Examination in Literary Theory

1- What does Terry Eagleton want to explain in "Introduction: What Is Literature?" of his book "Literary Theory: An Introduction?" (answer in a well-structured essay) 12pts

Answer may vary but :

- **The introduction must introduce the question made necessary by the study of literary theory. The thesis statement must express that Eagleton tries to explain the answer to the question "What is literature?".**
- **The body must deal with the idea that Eagleton has examined several different ways of defining literature and pointed out the difficulties with each of them.**
- **A best conclusion must end with how Eagleton perceives literature and must slightly point out the Marxist background of Eagleton.**

2- In Marxist terminology, what is the difference between infrastructure and superstructure? 10pts

Answer may vary :

A general overview of Marxism

Infrastructure isin detail

Superstructure is.....in detail

How Marx applies this dialectic to describe the mechanism of life in two structure. But a better answer will end by showing that this relation is dialectic but cyclical in a way. The infrastructure produce a culture (law, politics, art, etc...) and that culture then is structured in such a way that the society continues to reproduce the infrastructure.