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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS**

LITT 412: EUROPEAN LITERATURE 1 RENAISSANCE AND ENLIGHTENMENT

STREAMS: BED ARTS SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 13/04/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions in all.**
- **Question one is compulsory and carries 30 marks.**

1. (a) Explain the origins of the renaissance literary period in Europe and factors that enable the growth of literature during this period. (15 marks)
 - (b) Briefly explain each of the following types of poems in European poetry. (15 marks)
 - (i) Metaphysical poems.
 - (ii) The Petrarchan sonnet
 - (iii) The Shakespearean sonnet
 2. “Jonathan Swift’s *Gulliver’s Travels* criticizes many aspects of life of the 18th century British Society.” Critically analyze this standpoint drawing your examples from the novel. (20 marks)
 3. By referring to the two attached poems by John Donne, demonstrate what places the poet as a metaphysical poet. (20 marks)
 4. Discuss the features of a tragedy evident in William Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. (20 marks)
 5. “Voltaire’s *Candide* exposes social ills prevalent in any society.” Discuss. (20 marks)
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