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**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

MAIN EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE
LITERATURE**

COURSE CODE: LIT 824

COURSE TITLE: AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

DATE: 21ST APRIL, 2023

TIME: 9.00 - 11.00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer **THREE** Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Interrogate the contribution of any two of the following personalities to both African American literature and the liberation movement ideas:

- a) Booker T Washington
- b) William Edward Burghardt Dubois
- c) James Weldon Johnson
- d) James Baldwin

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss with adequate illustrations the nature of *either* slave spirituals *or* slave narratives both in terms of content and form.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Assess with relevant illustrations, the contribution of Frederick Douglass to the concietization and liberation of African American people.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Examine with adequate examples the meaning and effect of *either* the Harlem renaissance *or* Civil Rights Movement/Black Art on the liberation of the African American people.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explore how any one woman African American writer responded to the dominant issues in African American literature.