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Dear Dr.,

APPOINTMENT AS A THESIS EXTERNAL EXAMINER

We are pleased to inform you that Universiti Teknologi Malaysia has agreed to appoint you as an External Examiner for the following candidate/programme:

Name of candidate : **Aboud Samer Majeed Aboud**
Nationality : **Iraq**
Programme of study : **Doctor of Philosophy**
Department/Faculty : **Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities**
Proposed title of thesis : **The Representation of Male Inhumane Conduct
Against Female in Toni Morrison's Selected Novels**

The abstract/summary of the thesis is as attached.

2. The terms of reference of your appointment are as follows:

- a) To evaluate the thesis;
- b) To provide a report of the evaluation. The report must be submitted to the office of post graduate studies faculty within **four (4) weeks** upon receiving the thesis.
- c) To prepare the report in English for thesis of non-Malaysian citizen.
- d) To be panel member of the Oral Examination Committee (*viva voce*).

3. As an External Examiner, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia will provide the followings :-

- a) Honorarium of RM 600.00 after completing the said tasks and submission of the evaluation report.
- b) Air Ticket or mileage claim (private transport)
- c) Hotel accommodation for one night only

**Flight and hotel reservation will be arranged by the office of postgraduate studies faculty, UTM subject to any amendments by the university Bursar circular.*

4. Please confirm the acceptance of the appointment by using the google form attached via the following link [<https://tinyurl.com/BorangPelantikanPL>] within **two (2) weeks** of the receipt of this letter. All correspondence should be addressed to the **office of postgraduate studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities**, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 54100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia or email to **nurhazirah.kl@utm.my**.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

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"Berkhidmat untuk Negara"

I, who uphold trust,



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ABSTRACT

This study explores the inhumane behavior that Toni Morrison employs in her fiction to discuss the socio-psychological dilemma of African American existence. It focuses on the writer's selected novels whose narratives are built upon dehumanizes: *Song of Solomon*, *The Bluest Eye*, *Jazz*, and *Tar-Baby*. The discourse of inhumanity in Morrison's fiction provides an important space in the representation of the African American experience. The present study attempts to discuss the phenomenon of male inhumane conduct against female. The deployment of a profusion of narrative strategies and terrifying instances projects an inhumane that depicts the pain and the struggle of the African American community. This study will be guided by two major theories related to personal change on social issues. One of the theories is *Moral Disengagement*; a process where "self-regulatory mechanisms governing moral conduct behavior, agency are selectively disengaged from inhumane conduct and *Critical Discourse Analysis* whereby the concepts of power abuse and ideology will be focused to examine the male antisocial behavior against a female in African American society. It employs a qualitative approach that enables us to identify characters with unusual behavior and the reasons that motivate them to act uncannily. This study establishes that the discourse of inhumane conduct in Toni Morrison's novels centers primarily on the problematic issues of rape, killing and other anti-social behavior to represent the historical pain of African American life.