

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
ENGLISH PROGRAMME
FIRST SEMESTER 2019/2020 EXAMINATION

Course Code: ENG 233

Course Title: A Short History of Literature in English

Date: January/February, 2020.

Instructions: Answer one question from each section. Question 1 is compulsory.

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

1. **EITHER: (a)** (i) The 18th Century is a significant century in the history of English Literature. Discuss the characteristics of the 18th Century, paying attention to notable works in the period. (20 marks)
- (ii) Discuss Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* as a reflection of the Victorian Period in England. (10 marks)

- OR: (b)** (i) Give a brief historical account of the English people up to 1066 AD. (10 marks)
- (ii) Provide a summary of the poem "Beowulf". (10 marks)
- (iii) Summarise the events surrounding *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer. (10 marks)

SECTION A

2. With reference to at least two works, discuss the development of drama during the renaissance period in England. (20 marks)
3. With reference to relevant works, compare and contrast the place of religion during the medieval and renaissance periods in England. (20 marks)

SECTION B

4. (a) What is Romantic poetry? (5 marks)
- (b) Explain five (5) characteristics of Romantic literature. (15 marks)
5. The end of the World War I ushered in the Modern Period with its peculiarities. Using W. B. Yeats' "The Second Coming", discuss four (4) characteristics of the modern period. (20 marks)