

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO, OSUN STATE

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

2019/2020 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG 332

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

COURSE TITLE: Special Topics in Literature: Mythology and Folklore      DATE: January/February, 2020

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS. DO NOT USE THE SAME MATERIAL TWICE.**

1. Give a detailed account of any mythological tale of your region, stating, clearly, how such a tale has become a myth and an oral narrative of your people. (30 marks)
2. Compare and contrast any Judeo-Christian myth of sacrifice and that of Greek mythology, illustrating this in any literary text that you have read. (20 marks)
3. What is superstition? Give an account of four superstitious beliefs associated with people of your region, stating clearly the moral lessons from them. (20 marks)
4. What are the moral lessons of the myth about Persephone? Relate your answer to any literary text of your choice. (20 marks)
5. Examine the promethean archetypes in any two literary texts that you are familiar with. Use any literary genre of your choice. (20 marks)
6. **Either: (a)** Based on your knowledge of Greek myth of Hercules, identify, and discuss a typical Herculean trait in a major literary work that you have read. (20 marks)  
**Or: (b)** Who is Hera? How is she represented in any literary text of your choice as an archetype? (20 marks)