

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
ENGLISH PROGRAMME
2020/2021 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Course Code: ENG 231

Course Title: Poetry in English

Date: March, 2021

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Instructions: Answer one question from each section.

Section A (30 Marks)

1. Compare the poets' attitude to autumn in Sylvia Plath's "Frog Autumn" and John Keats' "Ode to Autumn".
2. With reference to poems treated in this course, discuss the following types of context:
 - (i) Formal context
 - (ii) Psychological context
 - (iii) Historical context

Section B (20 Marks)

3. As poems written in the Afro-American literary tradition, Claude McKay's "If We Must Die" and Robert Hayden's "Frederick Douglass" set out to address important issues about the blacks in America. Discuss.
4. Briefly discuss any four types of activities or events that provide good environment for poetry in the traditional African context.

Section C (20 Marks)

5. Discuss the context of Andrew Marvell's "Songs of the Emigrants in Bermudas".
6. Paying attention to their contexts, write short notes on each of the following poems:
 - (i) "Want"
 - (ii) "Vanity"