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

Course Code: ENG 411

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Course Title: The Heroic Tradition in African Oral Poetry

Date: March, 2021

Instructions: Answer **three (3)** questions. Question 1 is mandatory.

1. (a) Briefly compare and contrast the western epic form and its African counterpart. **[10 marks]**
(b) With reference to at least two poems from your reading list, write a comparative essay on the **feudal** and **clan** epic forms. **[20 marks]**
2. Drawing relevant examples from works studied in class, discuss any four (4) pillars of the African traditional belief system as treated in this course. **[20 marks]**
3. Critically review the role of women in African heroic traditions. **[20 marks]**
4. Using relevant examples from works treated in class, discuss any four (4) agents through which human beings interact with the spirit world in the African belief system. **[20 marks]**
5. Briefly discuss four means through which the African heroic tradition is relevant to modern African literature. **[20 marks]**


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