

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO**  
**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2018/2019 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code:** ENG 411

**Course Title:** The Heroic Tradition in African Oral Poetry

**Date:** May/June, 2019

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

**Time allowed:** 3 Hours

1. With the use of relevant examples, discuss the following:
  - i. The defining features of an epic work (15 Marks); and
  - ii. The unique features of the African epic form. (15 Marks)
2. With reference to **two (2)** heroic characters from texts studied in class, critically examine the concept of heroism in African oral narratives. **[20 marks]**
3. Critically examine the role of women in African heroic works, using any two texts studied in class. **[20 marks]**
4. With relevant examples from texts used in class, write an essay on each of the following:
  - i. Clan Epic (10 Marks); and
  - ii. Feudal Epic. (10 Marks)
5. Discuss the place of the African heroic tradition in modern African literature. **[20 marks]**