

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO**  
**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES**  
**ENGLISH PROGRAMME**

**2020/2021 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**COURSE TITLE:** A SHORT HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

**COURSE CODE:** ENG 233

**DATE:** MARCH 2021

**TIME ALLOWED:** 2½ HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.

1. Trace the historical development of the English literature from the Old English period through the Medieval period to the Modern period.(30 marks)
2. Briefly trace the origin of the novel and the factors that contributed to its rise in the 18th Century. (20 marks)
3. Clearly comment on the major themes of the early 19th Century literature and illustrate your answer with at least three poets of your choice.(20 marks)
4. Express clearly what you consider to be the distinctive features of Shakespeare's drama. (20 marks)
5. Comment on the literary features and themes peculiar to the works of two of the following authors:  
(a) J. M. Synge (b) Joseph Conrad (c) Samuel Beckett (d) William Golding.  
(20 marks)