



## NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

### Faculty of Arts

### Department of Languages

### 2020\_1 EXAMINATION

**COURSE CODE:** ENG372  
**COURSE TITLE:** ENGLISH POETRY  
**CREDIT UNITS:** 2  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 1<sup>1/2</sup> HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer **Two** Questions out of the three

1. With emphasis on major historical developments, discuss **five** of the various literary attempts that make up the beginnings of the English poetry. (35 marks/45 minutes)
2. a). Analyse the ancient literary texts *Beowulf* and *The Battle of Maldon* as the best examples of earliest English poems. (20 marks)  
b). Discuss five similarities between both poems (15 marks)  
(35 marks/45 minutes)
3. a). Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* is a very important text in the history of the English poetry. How does the text represent the 14<sup>th</sup> century English society in which it is set? (15 marks)  
b). Discuss four stylistic features Geoffrey Chaucer explored in his *Canterbury's Tales* (20 marks)  
(35 marks/45 minutes)