



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Faculty of Arts

Department of Languages

2022_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG372
COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH POETRY
CREDIT UNITS: 2
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer **Three** Questions in all. 1 extra mark will be awarded for correct grammatical expression

1. a). The Anglo-Saxon epic poem , ‘Beowulf’ , is made up of how many long alliterative lines? (5 marks)
b). Identify six (6) characters in the epic poem, Beowulf, and their designations (18 marks)

(23 marks/40 minutes)

2. a). Discuss, with relevant verses, the style employed in the description of the lady in Shakespeare’s Sonnet 130. (20 marks)
b). Give the sonnet an appropriate title. (3 marks)

(23 marks/40 minutes)

3. “The poem, ‘The Rape of the Lock’, is ... the most outstanding example in the English language of the genre of mock-epic.”
a). What is a mock-epic? (3 marks)
b). With copious examples from the poem, give **five** characteristics of the mock epic. (20 marks)

(23 marks/40 minutes)

4. Discuss the thematic concerns in Keats’ ‘Ode to Autumn’ (23 marks/40 minutes)