

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA Faculty of Arts Department of English 2023 1 POP EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG372

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH POETRY

CREDIT UNITS: 2

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer **Three** Questions. NO. 1 is COMPULSORY

1. Shakespeare's Sonnets examine the immortalisation of beauty and love, and the power of poetry and pure love to defeat death.

Carry out an analysis of Sonnets 2 and 130 to discuss the respective themes.

(30 marks/50 minutes)

- 2. With emphasis on major historical developments, discuss **five** of the various literary attempts that make up the beginnings of the English poetry. (20 marks/35 minutes)
- 3. Using the poems of two poets, examine the dominant features of metaphysical poetry. (20 marks/35 minutes)
- 4. On the basis of Alexander Pope's 'Rape of the Lock', discuss 18th century England as a typical age of satire. (20 marks/35 minutes)