



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Faculty of Arts

Department of Languages

2023_1 POP EXAMINATION.

COURSE CODE: ENG381
COURSE TITLE: THE ENGLISH NOVEL
CREDIT UNITS: 2
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer **Three** Questions.
Question No. 1 is Compulsory

1a. Identify 5 (five) characteristics of a novel (10 marks)

1b. With an example for each narrative prose, state the reasons why the following fictional works are not categorised as novels:

- i. Romance
- ii. The Romantic
- iii. The Gothic
- iv. Allegory/Fables

(20 marks)

(30 marks/50

minutes)

2. Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* has been hailed by critics as a satiric reflection of the shortcomings of the 18th century Age of Reason.

Examine 4 (four) of these shortcomings, one from each of the four voyages Gulliver made.

(20 marks/35 minutes)

3. Compare and contrast the novels, Frances Burney's *Evelina* and George Eliot's *Silas Marner*, in terms of theme and style.

(20 marks/35 minutes)

4. Examine the stylistic features used in the novel, *Lord of the Flies*, and how they successfully portray the inherent debasement of the human heart.

(20 marks/35 minutes)