



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code: ENG 871**

**Course Title: Studies in Written African Poetry**

**Instruction: Answer any four (4) questions.**

**TIME: 2 HRS 30 MINS**

1. Critically examine some of the definitions of poetry.
2. Identify and discuss at least five classes of pre-literate African poetry.
3. Explore the themes of failure of leadership and economic exploitation in any two poems studied in the course.
4. Attempt a detailed discussion of the Negritude Movement and the philosophy underlining the movement.
5. Critically evaluate Christopher Okigbo's "Dark Writers" and Kofi Awoonor's "The Cathedral" as African poets' response to the colonial experiences.