



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
Faculty of Arts
Department of English
2023_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE :- ENG 801

COURSE TITLE :- Special Subject – Literature and Medicine

TIME ALLOWED :- Three hours

CREDIT UNITS :- 3

INSTRUCTION :- Answer Any Four (4) Questions

Questions

1. Discuss the relationship between literature and human health situations in the light of the statement that the social construction of illnesses, diseases and other medical experiences is based on writers' imagination and/or imitation of incidents in the society where they live.
(45 mins; 17.5 marks)

2. Literature and medicine has developed into an academic sub-specialty. Discuss.
(45 mins; 17.5 marks)

3. Examine the contribution of writers like Femi Oyebode and Ayi Kwei Armah to the understanding of mental illness.
(45 mins; 17.5 marks)

4. With examples briefly examine the value of non-physician writers to the field of literature and medicine.
(45 mins; 17.5 marks)

5. Patient writers portray their experiences of illnesses and recoveries in their creative works. Discuss with examples from works of two patient writers.
(45 mins; 17.5 marks)