



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2024 1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 816

COCOURSE TITLE: LITERATURE AND GENDER

COURSE CREDIT: 3

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any 4 questions

TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours

- Q1. a) In what three ways is feminism a movement, an ideology and a literary theory?
b) Explain the concept of feminism of colour
- Q2. Discuss the central themes and features of Womanism as a theory of divergence that aims at conveying African authentic experiences and female ideology.
- Q3. Feminism insists that literary production is not politically neutral.
- a) What do you understand by gender politics?
b) Discuss any three factors by which a writer's gender politics can be accessed and assessed.
- Q4. Compare and contrast the gender politics of Buchi Emecheta and Ama Aidoo based on their books you are familiar with.
- Q5. Write briefly on the following canonical works of Western feminism:
- A Literature of Their Own by Elaine Showalter
 - Of Liberty and The Subjugation of Women by John Stuart Mill.