



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**2020\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

**COURSE CODE:** ENG313  
**COURSE TITLE:** BLACK DIASPORA LITERATURE – AFRICAN AMERICAN  
**CREDIT UNITS:** TWO  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 1<sup>1/2</sup>HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer **Two** Questions out of the three

1. With close reference to Alex Harley's *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, answer the following questions:
  - a). What qualities mark a work out as African American literature? (25 marks)
  - b). Who is an African American writer? (10 marks)

(35 marks/45 minutes)
  
2. (a) In which century did African American Literature commence? (5 marks)  
(b) Identify, with two examples each, **six** categories of African American literature, starting from its inception to the present (30 marks)

(35 marks/45 minutes)
  
2. "The spirituals contributed immensely to the development of African American literature'. Discuss with close reference to two Negro Spirituals studied in the course.

(35 marks/45 minutes)