



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages
2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG372
COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH POETRY
CREDIT UNITS: 2
TIME ALLOWED: 1^{1/2} HOURS

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

1. With emphasis on major historical developments, discuss **five** of the various literary attempts that make up the beginnings of the English poetry. (35 marks/45 minutes)
2. a). Analyse the ancient literary texts *Beowulf* and *The Battle of Maldon* as the best examples of earliest English poems. (20 marks)
b). Discuss five similarities between both poems (15 marks)
(35 marks/45 minutes)
3. a). Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* is a very important text in the history of the English poetry. How does the text represent the 14th century English society in which it is set? (15 marks)
b). Discuss four stylistic features Geoffrey Chaucer explored in his *Canterbury's Tales* (20 marks)
(35 marks/45 minutes)