

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

COURSE CODE: ENG417

COURSE TITLE: POST COLONIAL AFRICAN LITERATURE

CREDIT UNITS: 2

TIME ALLOWED: 1^{1/2} HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

1. Assess Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak's response to Deconstruction theory.

(35 marks/45 minutes)

- 2. a). Critically examine negative images of Africa in Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.
 - b). Chinua Achebe's Response to Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* exemplifies the literary war between the oppressor and the oppressed who reasserts his personality and humanness. Discuss.

(35 marks/45 minutes)

- 3. a). How does Ngugi Wa Thiongo in his novel, *Devil on the Cross*, lampoon the Christian faith as a vehicle for enhancing colonial agenda in a postcolonial Kenya? (17.5 marks)
 - b). Examine the issues confronting independent Ghana in Ayi Kwei Armah's The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born as a reference text of postcolonial African literature (17.5 marks) (35 marks/45 minutes)