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Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages

COURSE CODE: ENG381
COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH NOVEL
CREDIT UNITS: 2
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS
SEMESTER: 2020_2

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer two questions only. All the questions carry equal marks.

1. a) Define the novel. 8 marks
b) What is English novel? 6 marks
c) List and discuss the three basic characteristics of prose fiction which build up to the definition of the novel. 21 marks

2. List and discuss five likely origins of the English novel, highlighting their features and the arguments against their being the origins of the English novel. (35 marks)

3. Explain the role of the following in the development of the English novel:
 - i) Literacy
 - ii) Availability of paper
 - iii) Circulating library
 - iv) The printing press
 - v) Shifts in reading taste(35 marks)