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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG 381

COURSE TITLE: The English Novel

COURSE UNIT: 2 Credit Units

Time allowed: Two (2) Hours

Instruction: Answer any three questions.

1. Discuss the distinguishing characteristics of the novel as a prose-fiction.
2. List three of the earliest fictions and differentiate between each of them and the novel genre.
3.
 - i. What do you understand by the expression “The English Novel”?
 - ii. List and discuss any three factors that contributed to the rise of the English Novel.
4. Discuss the life and work of any two major English novelists and their contributions to the development of the English Novel.