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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION – JULY, 2014

COURSE CODE: ENG306/IDE-ENG306

**COURSE NAME:** A STUDY OF THE NOVEL

**DURATION: 2 HOURS** 

# **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer Question ONE, plus one other question.

2. Each question carries 30 marks.

3. Make sure you proofread your work to eliminate grammatical errors and resultant loss of marks.

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## **PART A**

# Question 1 (compulsory)

By focusing on *characterization*, give a fully illustrated discussion of the development of the novel form from its ancestral beginnings in the medieval period, through the eighteenth century to the nineteenth. [30]

#### PART B

## Question 2

- a) Although Sir Gawain and the Green Knight is a romance epic, it does advance a critical element. In not more than a paragraph, identify and discuss this element [10]
- b) Discuss the role of Morgan le Fay in the shaping of the overall plot structure of the romance. [20]

## Question 3

- a) Identify and discuss the inimical genteel values which Richardson highlights in his portrayal of Mr. B and Lady Davers, along with other genteel characters in <u>Pamela</u>. [15]
- b) Discuss the change he suggests and how it could be achieved. [15]

# Question 4

- a) "One of the themes advanced in <u>Great Expectations</u> is that of the abuse of children by adults." Cite and discuss the incidents Dickens uses in advancing this theme through his portrayal of Pip, Estella and Miss Havisham. [25]
- b) To what extent do you identify with Dickens' stand on this issue? Discuss briefly. [5]