



**ENG224: DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**STREAM: BED (Arts)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

**Question One**

- a) The English language can be studied under three major periods: Old English, Middle English and Modern English periods. State the major events that took place in the Middle English and Modern English periods that have shaped the growth of the English language. (15 Marks)
- b) Trace the roots of the English language among world languages. (10 Marks)
- c) Identify any FIVE factors that have contributed to the rapid spread of the English language worldwide. (5 Marks)

**Question Two**

- a) Briefly discuss the linguistic features of the following Englishes:
  - i. Australian English
  - ii. Kenyan English
  - iii. Indian English. (15 Marks)
- b) State any FIVE characteristics that make English a global language. (5 Marks)

**Question Three**

- a) Explain the influence of the church in the development of the English language. (8 Marks)
- b) Differentiate between *diachronic* linguistics and *synchronic* linguistics. (4 Marks)
- c) Semantic changes in a language may include narrowing or broadening of meanings in a word. Discuss each of these with an example of each. (8 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Explain the sound changes that have occurred in Old English and Modern English as shown in the data below: (10 marks)

	<u>Old English</u>		<u>Modern English</u>
i)	Crabba [kraba]	changes to	crab
ii)	Fisc [fisk]	changes to	fish
iii)	Ful [fu:l]	changes to	foul
iv)	Gat [ga:t]	changes to	goat
v)	Læfan [lævan]	changes to	leave

- b) There are many rapid social, political and economic changes worldwide that can affect the status and influence of English. Briefly discuss the possible future of the English language in light of these changes. (10 Marks)

**Question Five**

Identify and illustrate any FOUR areas of difference between British English and American English. (20 Marks)

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