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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EEL 3200: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) With special attention to spelling and vocabulary outline five characteristics of old English. (5 marks)
- b) English language has today attained a global status. Highlight the factors that have led to this situation. (5 marks)
- c) Social media is a widely used technological innovation for communication. With examples discuss how its use has affected modern English language. (5 marks)
- d) Highlight five factors that led to the changes in the modern English language over time. (5 marks)
- e) With examples discuss five factors that led to multi-lingualism of English language. (5 marks)
- f) Outline the changes that were introduced to English language by the Great Vowel Shift. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

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- a) Early modern English is also known as Shakespearian English. By use of ample examples, discuss features that are associated with Shakespearian English. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the linguistic influence of the Norman Conquest to the English language. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how the emergence of SHENG' language in Kenya has shaped modern English language in terms of:

- (a) Grammatical aspects (5 marks)
- (b) Vocabulary (5 marks)
- (c) Explain the challenges faced when teaching English language as second language in the Kenyan education system. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the features of a creole type of English. (10 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast the vocabulary of the current modern English language between the British and American English. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Trace the history of English language from the Indo-European Family, between 600 to 1100 AD. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the differences in pronunciation of Indian English. (10 marks)