



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO**
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 224

COURSE TITLE: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 13/12/17

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Describe the **three** distinctive periods in the origin and development of English. **[6 marks]**
- (b) Distinguish between comparative and historical linguistics. **[4 marks]**
- (c) State **six** factors that accounts for the prominence of English as an international lingua franca. **[6 marks]**
- (d) Identify **four** fundamental differences between British Standard English (BrE) and American Standard English. **[4 marks]**
- (e) Outline **five** significant foreign influences that greatly contributed to the development of English from the old historical period up to the middle ages. **[5 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Critically examine the development of Old English in reference to the foreign influences at the time. **[10 marks]**
- (b) State **five** distinctive features of Old English. **[5 marks]**

QUESTION THREE

Discuss **five** historical events that influenced the growth of Early Modern English between the 16th and 19th centuries. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Outline **six** characteristics of Middle English. **[6 marks]**
- (b) Identify and explain **three** fundamental reasons why English survived and reasserted itself from the possible threat of extinction occasioned by the Norman Conquest and domination. **[6 marks]**
- (c) Enumerate **three** factors that led to the East Midland dialect becoming the Standard English dialect. **[3 marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

Describe **five** types of linguistic changes that have taken place in the history of English language. Give concrete illustrations. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION SIX

With relevant examples, explain how the following foreign invaders contributed to the growth of Old English in England from 449 – 1049 A.D. **[15 marks]**

- (a) Romans
- (b) Germanic tribes
- (c) Celts
- (d) Scandinavians
- (e) Normans

