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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AEN 0103: HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Question

1. Describe the characteristics of the THREE stages of development of English language:
 - i) Old English Period
 - ii) Middle English Period
 - iii) Modern English Period (30 marks)
2. Discuss the social factors that have contributed to
 - i) the flexibility of English language (10 marks)
 - ii) the main grammatical changes of the Middle English Period. Illustrate your answer. (10 marks)
3. Discuss the key contributions of the transition from Middle English to Early Modern English. (20 marks)
4.
 - a) Discuss the origin of Pidgin and Creole (10 marks)
 - b) Explain the differences between the two dialects (10 marks)
5.
 - a) Explain the origins of the following words borrowed from other languages:
 - i) cigar, mosquito, tornado cockroach
 - ii) participate, accommodate global, collide
 - iii) mango, marmalade, veranda
 - iv) carnival, , umbrella piano, (8 marks)
 - b) Describe the predictions of the future of English (12 marks)