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MAIN EXAMINATION
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FACULTY ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES
REGULAR PROGRAMME

ENG 200: ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH

Date: December 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

Instructions: Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions

QUESTION ONE

a) Explain **FOUR** factors that quantify English as an international language.

(4 marks)

b) Define the following terms as used in the study of development of a language.

i) Family tree

ii) Cognates

iii) Philology

iv) Language change

(8 marks)

a) Identify any **FOUR** languages that fall under Indo-European family tree.

(2 marks)

b) Describe the events associated with the following stages of English.

i) Old English

ii) Middle English

iii) Modern English

(9 marks)

c) i) What is a standard language?

(2 marks)

ii) What factors influenced London dialect to be picked as Standard English?

(5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Citing relevant examples discuss FOUR main features of Kenyan English.

(20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Give a detailed account of development of English from old English to modern present English.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Discuss FOUR factors that had immediate effect on the spread of English outside England.

(10 marks)

b) Drawing examples from Old, Middle and Modern English; explain the following processes of sound change.

i) Assimilation

ii) Dissimilation

iii) Metathesis

(10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a) Citing spelling and lexical variations compare and contrast American and British English

(12 marks)

b) Discuss the notions of English as international, foreign, second and official language.

(8 marks)

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