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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION ARTS**

1st YEAR 2nd SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

CENTRE: MAIN

COURSE CODE: ZLB 9110

COURSE TITLE: A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: BED (ARTS)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1(compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

Question ONE: Compulsory (30 Marks)

Examine the factors that led to the standardization of English during the Early Modern English period (1500-1650) with reference to:

- I. The influence of Latin
- II. The emergence of prescriptive grammar
- III. The development of orthographic and punctuation systems

Question TWO (20 Marks)

Discuss the global spread of English and explain factors that contributed to the emergence of various regional varieties of the language.

Question THREE (20 Marks)

Explain the role of prominent figures such as Chaucer and Shakespeare in shaping the English language during the Middle and Early Modern English periods.

Question FOUR (20 Marks)

Examine the impact of the Norman Conquest on the English language during the Middle English period (1100-1500).

Question FIVE (20 Marks)

Discuss the significant linguistic developments during the Old English period (450-1100).