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MAIN CAMPUS- INSTITUTION BASED PROGRAMME**

COURSE CODE: ZLB 9110

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM:

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Question ONE (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.**

1. (a) Explain FOUR characteristics of Old English. (8marks)
(b) Explain the effects of the following foreign influences on the development of Old English; (12 marks)
 - i) The Roman Conquest
 - ii) The Germanic Conquest
 - iii) The Celtic Influence
 - iv) The Norman Conquest

c) Outline the meanings of the terms below: (10 marks)

 - i. Bilingualism
 - ii. Diglossic Relationship
 - iii. Dialect
 - iv. Code Mixing
 - v. Code Switching

2. (a) Highlight the major changes that characterized the Middle English Period. (10marks)
(b) Identify FIVE features of American English. (10marks)

3. a) What do you understand by the concept 'English as a Lingua Franca'. (5marks)
b) Distinguish between Creoles and Pidgin giving suitable examples. (10marks)
c) Identify the FIVE dialects of Old English. (5 marks)

- 4 With relevant examples, discuss the major differences between British and American English. (20 marks)

- 5.a) Using relevant examples explain the meaning of the terms below in relation to meaning change;
 - i) Extension
 - ii) Narrowing
 - iii) Degeneration
 - v) Regeneration

b) With examples, discuss the major differences between British and American English in terms of vocabulary and pronunciation. (20marks)