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MAIN CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: ZLB 9110

COURSE TITLE: THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM VENUE: LAB 2

STREAM: BED (ARTS)

DATE: 14/4/25

EXAM SESSION: 9-11.00 AM

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: 30 MARKS (Compulsory)

- a) Why do historical linguists tend to divide the stages of English language's development into Old, Middle and Modern English? What differentiates these forms of the language from each other? (15 Marks)
- b) Critically examine external influences that might have contributed to phonological and morphological changes in English in the **three** periods of English development. (15 Marks)

Question TWO: 20 MARKS

- a) What is Great Vowel Shift? (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss the Great Vowel Shift and its impact on pronunciation in the modern English (9 Marks)
- c) Evaluate the impact of literature in the growth and development of modern English vocabulary (9 Marks)

Question THREE

Discuss the initial causes of the global spread of English and how did these affect the linguistic development of the language? (20 Marks)

Question FOUR

“The English language of today is the language that has resulted from the history of dialects spoken by Germanic tribes who migrated to England” Justify the statement using phonetically oriented examples. (20 Marks)

Question FIVE

- a) Explain how the loss of inflectional suffixes in Middle English affected word stress and pronunciation in Modern English. (10 Marks)
- b) What role did the loss of case markings play in the restructuring of syntax of Modern English? (10 Marks)