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ARTS WITH IT.**

1ST YEAR 2ND SEMESTER 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

KISII CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: AEN 103

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (Bed Arts.)

DATE: 15/8/19

EXAM SESSION: 2.00 – 4.00pm

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer all questions in section A and any other 2 questions in Section B.**
- 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.**

SECTION A Answer all questions in this section (30 marks)

QUESTION ONE: 30 MARKS

- a) Explain briefly why English is a Germanic language
- b) State four languages that affected the development of English from old to modern English (3mks)
- c) Who gave us the modern name of English language (2mks)
- d) Explain the following terms as used in historical study of English language (8mks)
 - i. Language family
 - ii. Indo – European language
 - iii. Family tree model
 - iv. Proto Language
- e) Describe briefly the process of language standardization (6mks)
- f) Differentiate between a creole and a pidgin (4mks)
- g) What was Otto Jespersen associated with in relation to English language) (3mks)
- h) The vocabulary of English increased due to four principle factors . Outline the factors (4mks)

SECTION B Answer any two Questions (40 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

In the present world, two standard varieties of English are identified. Identify the varieties and discuss their unique differences using appropriate examples

QUESTUION THREE 20 MARKS

The English language we use today is a product of standardization of the Midland dialect. Discuss why the Midland dialect was identified for standardization.

QUESTUION FOUR 20 MARKS

- a) What factors led to an increase in vocabulary in late modern English. Briefly discuss any three factors (6mks)
- b) Discuss any four factors that triggered the rapid spread of English in the 14th Century (8mks)
- c) Explain the notion dialect (3mks)
- d) What is language change? (3mks)

QUESTUION FIVE 20 MARKS

Until recently, English continues to dominate almost all spheres of human existence. Briefly discuss with illustration the position of English in the modern world.