



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 103: ORIGIN AND SPREAD OF ENGLISH

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) Y1S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 02/12/2019

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer questions ONE and any other TWO questions

1. (a) Describe the development of the English language from varieties of other Germanic languages. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain why English is often said to be both a Germanic and a Romance language. [10 marks]
- (c) Distinguish between a pidgin and a Creole and expound on the notion-creolization [10 marks]
2. Compare the sound systems of Old English and Modern using appropriate examples [20 marks]
3. Describe the pronunciation and grammatical features of Middle English [20 marks]
4. (a) Discuss how English has become a very important language in the world [8 marks]

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- (b) Explain the language policy in Kenya citing the role English plays in the country

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marks]

5. (a) Discuss any three linguistic differences between British Standard English and
American Standard English

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marks]

- (b) Give an account of the development of 'standard English and its relationship with
the non-standard' forms

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marks]
