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**EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION**

**PLLE 0172: INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY OF ENGLISH**

**STREAMS: DIP. EDUC (PARTTIME)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 08/8/2018**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is Compulsory**

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in the study of history and development of English [10 marks]
  - (i) Language family
  - (ii) Proto language
  - (iii) Dialect continuum
  - (iv) Language isolates
  - (v) Standard language
- (b) Explain the various levels of language change [4 marks]
- (c) Discuss the three major techniques used in the diachronic study of language [6 marks]
- (d) Discuss the Germanic background and influence in the history of English [10 marks]
2. (a) Expound on the sound system of old English [10 marks]
- (b) Explain the grammatical features of old English [10 marks]
3. Discuss the major features of Middle English [20 marks]

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4. (a) Describe the spread and use of English in the world [10 marks]  
(b) Discuss the factors that have led to the spread of English in the world [10 marks]
5. Discuss the key aspects of a standard language [20 marks]
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