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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

PLLE 231: INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH

STREAM: SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 10/08/2018

11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M

INSTRUCTION:

- **Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory**

1. (a) Define the following terms:

(i) Proto- language

(ii) Inflection

(iii) Borrowing

(iv) Typological classification

[8marks]

(b) Using a well labeled tree diagram, present the different languages of the proto-Germanic family. [18marks]

(c) Explain the concept of ‘family tree’ in the classification of languages. [4marks]

2. Explain the following terms by use of elaborate examples.

(i) Lingua franca

(ii) Pidgin

(iii) Creole

(iv) Dialect

[20marks]

3. Discuss the Scandinavian influence on English language . [20marks]
4. Discuss features of old English and middle English which do not resemble modern English . [20marks]
5. (a) Explain briefly your understanding of a standard language. [6marks]
(b) Describe the main features that make standard American English different from standard British English. [14marks]
6. (a) Using examples, explain the contribution of the celtic language to the development of the Anglo-saxon English. [10marks]
(b) How did Christianity influence the growth of the old English. [10marks]
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