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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION [ARTS]
SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022
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ENGL 121: HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH

STREAM: Y1S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

DATE: 09/09/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- Describe the functions of comparative linguistic techniques. (4marks)
- Give the meaning of language family. (3marks)
- Identify three languages that belong to the Indo-European language family. (3marks)
- Discuss the evolutionary view of explaining language change. (10marks)
- Explain the impact of the Germanic tribes which invaded modern day Britain in the 5th Century. (10marks)

QUESTION TWO

- Discuss any four factors that enabled the East midland dialect to be selected as the basis for Standard English. (10marks)
- Describe any five theories which explain the cause of the Great Vowel Shift. (10marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe three of Richard's Mulcaster's spelling as brought out in the elementariness. (12marks)
- b) Discuss the effect on the Blank Death on England. (8marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss any hindrances to the growth of English in Kenya. (12marks)
- b) Explain by use of four illustrations how the consonant and stress shift affected Germanic languages. (8marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the five points in the development of old English. (15marks)
- b) Highlight any five effects of linguistic influence of English. (5marks)