



## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)/BACHELOR OF ARTS (LINGUISTICS)  
SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024  
[JAN - APRIL, 2024]**

**ENGL /LING 121: HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH**

**STREAM: Y1 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: TUESDAY, 12:00 - 2:00 P.M**

**DATE: 09/04/2024**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

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

### **QUESTION ONE**

- Show that English is a Germanic language. (10 marks)
- Explain how English lexicon has widened. (10 marks)
- Discuss FIVE factors that have led to the spread of English. (10 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO**

Discuss the pronunciation and lexical characteristics of Kenyan English.

(20 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

Explain the changes brought into English through the Great Vowel Shift (GVS).

(20 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- Show how historical techniques of analysis are utilized by linguists. (10 marks)

b) Clearly explain how comparative techniques work in linguistics. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

a) Clarify how Verner's and Grimm's laws are used to explain consonantal change. (10 marks)

b) Explain the contribution of Richard Mulcaster on the development of English. (10 marks)