

ENG224



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**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN
EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: ENG224

**COURSE TITLE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE**

DATE: 20TH DECEMBER, 2023.

TIME: 9.00AM-12.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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BED (ARTS)

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i) Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- ii) Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss the development of the English language under the following periods:
 - i. Old English
 - ii. Middle English
 - iii. Modern English. (15 Marks)
- b) Discuss **FIVE** contributions of the Christian religion to the growth of the English language. (5 Marks)
- c) Outline the influence of English as a language of international media Communication. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Describe the contributions of the Roman conquest to the development of the English language. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain any **FIVE** features of Kenyan English. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Compare and contrast the American English spelling with that of the British English by giving any five distinct examples. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain any **FIVE** reasons why the English language became inferior to the French language during the early years of the Norman occupation of England. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss the status, origin and use of English language in Kenya. (12 Marks)
- b) Explain the influence of the church in the development of the English language. (4 Marks)
- c) Illustrate any FOUR vocalic changes that took place during the period referred to as that of the Great Vowel Shift. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

There are many rapid social, political and economic changes worldwide that can affect the status and influence of English. Discuss the possible future of the English language in light of these changes.

(10 Marks)
