



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY
REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION
(CORPORATE COMMUNICATION) & B.ED

COURSE CODE : LAC 1211-1
COURSE TITLE : HISTORY OF ENGLISH
LANGUAGE

DATE: 18/4/2023

TIME: 0830-1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question **ONE** is compulsory
Answer any other **TWO** questions

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1.a) The growth of science introduced new words into the English language. Discuss the validity of this statement using relevant illustrations.(10 marks)

b) Compare and contrast the influence of Shakespeare and the King James Version of the Bible on the English language of the 17th century.(10marks)

2. a)Discuss 5 reasons for the growth of English as a world language. (5marks)

b) Describe the characteristics of old English spellings. (10marks)

3. Outline the changes that occurred during the Great Vowel Shift. (15marks)

4. a)Highlight 6 factors that contributed to the rise of Standard English (3 marks)

b) Differentiate between the following terminologies:

i)Pidginization and Creolization

ii)Standard English and modern English

iii) Historical and comparative linguistics (12marks)

5. Distinguish between American English and British English in terms of:

a) Spellings

b) Pronunciation

c) Grammar

d) Vocabulary (15 marks)

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