

LAIKIPIA



ENGL 121

UNIVERSITY

# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR  
OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 121: HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: FRIDAY (8.30-10.30AM)***

***DATE: 12/4/24***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)**

**PLEASE DO NOT OPEN UNTIL THE INVIGILATOR SAYS SO.**



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) With examples explain any three causes of language change. (9 marks)
- b) Examine any five reasons that have led to the high frequency of usage of English around the world. (5marks)
- d) The Indo-European family of languages is important in the history of the English language. Discuss. (4marks)
- e) Identify the four main dialects of Old English (4marks)
- f) Define and explain the key differences between English as a second language (ESL) and English as a foreign language (EFL). (8marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Give an account of the development of English during 1500 AD Onwards. (20marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the significance of the four Germanic tribes in the British Isles by around 449 AD (8marks)
- b) Explain the influence of the Norman invasion on the development of the English Language. (8marks)
- c) Explain the influence of the Romans in the development of English during the Old English Period. (4marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the differences between American and British varieties of English as far as pronunciation, Spelling, and Vocabulary is concerned (20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) What is a global language? (2marks)
- b) What makes a language global? (4marks)
- c) What are the implications of a global language? (6marks)
- d) “English is a global language.” Discuss the validity of this statement. (8marks)

