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**MAIN CAMPUS**

**COURSE CODE: BLN 1308**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTRODUCTORY**

**EXAM VENUE: STREAM: (BED )**

**DATE: EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions:**

1. **Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
2. **Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
3. **Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

Q1. a) Demonstrate how language undergoes changes at the following levels:

1. Phonological
2. Morphological
3. Syntactic
4. Lexical (15 marks)

b) With clear examples, discuss the characteristics of Old English (15 marks)

Q2.French might have remained permanently in use in England after the NormanConquest. With clear illustrations, discuss factors that led to the establishment of English after the Norman Conquest of 1566 (20 marks)

Q3.With clear illustrations,discuss the changes that took place in English sound systemduring the Great Vowel Shift (20 marks)

Q4.Discuss the characteristics of Middle English at the following levels:

1. Dialects
2. Vocabulary
3. Grammar
4. Spelling and pronunciation
5. Literature (20 marks)

Q5. a) Explain how the Renaissance period of 1500-1650 influenced the development of english(10 marks)

b) Discuss the challenges of Modern English language (10 marks)