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2019/2020 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COURSE CODE: ENG 405

DATE: TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 2020

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions in all. **QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY.**

1. Undertake an exhaustive discussion of diachronic linguistics, its principal concerns and its methods of inquiry. (25 marks)

2. Using examples of WOTY (word of the year) and/or other 'trending/trended' words, explain some of the dimensions of lexical change in contemporary English. (15 marks)

3. Discuss the features of Middle English in terms of spelling, pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary. (15 marks)

4. Explain and exemplify the concept of language typology. (15 marks)

5. Paying particular attention to spelling, grammar and vocabulary, distinguish between British and American English. (15 marks)

6. Discuss the following:
 - a. Australian English.
 - b. New Zealand English.
 - c. South African English. (15 marks)

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