

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO, OSUN STATE  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES  
ENGLISH PROGRAMME  
2019/2020 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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**COURSE TITLE:** AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**COURSE CODE:** ENG 221

**TIME ALLOWED:** 2 Hours

**UNIT:** 2

**DATE:** JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2020

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer question 1 and any other two.

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1. (a) Generally, the English language is believed to have originated from Britain. Explain. (10 marks)  
  
(b) Briefly, discuss the significance of this course (An Outline History of the English Language) for students of English Studies. (20 marks)
2. Compare and contrast the effects of Latin on English, before and during the Old English period. (20 marks)
3. In spite of all the attacks on the English language in the Old and the Middle English periods, the language is, still, of relevance, today. Discuss. (20 marks)
4. Write short notes on any two of the following, highlighting their contributions to the development of the English Language:
  - a. Anglo-Saxon Conquest;
  - b. The Inkhorn Controversy;
  - c. Johnson Dictionary; and
  - d. An English Academy.(20 marks: 10 marks each)
5. The English language is a world language. Discuss. (20 marks)