

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY
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**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES (COLBS)
ENGLISH PROGRAMME**

2020/2021 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COURSE CODE: ENG 221 UNIT: 2

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS DATE:

INSTRUCTION: Answer Question 1 and any other two (2)

1. (a) Studying an outline history of the English language is a waste of time for students in English Studies. Defend your position. (20marks).
- (b) How would you convince your friend who holds the general opinion that English language originated from Britain/England. (10marks)
2. Why did Roman soldiers evacuate Britain in the 4th century? What were the implications of this on the Celts and the development of English? (20marks)
3. Describe how French came to England during the Middle English period. (20marks)
4. Write short notes on any two of the following highlighting their contributions to the development of English.
 - i) The Decline of French
 - ii) The Middle English spellings
 - iii) The rise of Standard English
 - iv) The Oxford English Dictionary.(10marks each=20marks)
5. Examine the present status of English and account for this development. (20marks)