

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA Faculty of Arts Department of Languages 2019_2 Examination

COURSE CODE: ENG353

COURSE TITLE: THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN NIGERIA

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL. QUESTION No. 2 is COMPULSORY

- 1. List and discuss five (5) key factors that have encouraged the promotion of the English language since its first entry into Nigeria to the present. (20 marks, 55 minutes)
- 2. (i) Identify and describe three (3) criteria that have been used by various scholars to classify the varieties of English spoken in Nigeria.
 - (ii) What are their recommendations and criteria for a standard variety?

(30 marks, 70 minutes)

- 3. Describe with examples four (4) features (one feature each of grammatical, lexicosemantic, discourse, phonological features) that distinguish the standard Nigerian English variety from its non-standard variety. (20 marks, 55 minutes)
- 4. Compare and contrast the functions and status of English with Nigerian Pidgin in Nigeria. (20 marks, 55 minutes)