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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
2022\_2 EXAMINATION

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COURSE CODE: ENG 858

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1a. Briefly explain the history of English language. (5½ marks)

1b. Using FOUR examples, distinguish between Standard British English and American English as national varieties of English. (12 marks)

(17½ marks)

2. With reference to Bloomfield's perspective, critically assess the notion of bilingualism as 'native-like control of two languages'. (17½ marks)

3a. Briefly compare corpus planning and status planning. (7½ marks)

3b. Discuss FIVE factors that affect language planning. (10 marks)

(17½ marks)

4a. Explain the concept of creole. (5½ marks)

4b. Distinguish between the process of pidginisation and creolisation. (12 marks)

(17½ marks)

5. Write short notes on the peculiar linguistic features of the following aspects of 'World Englishes':

i. Lexical features (5½ marks)

ii. Phonological features (6 marks)

iii. Syntactic features (6 marks)

(17½ marks)