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COURSE CODE: TEJS 422

COURSE TITLE: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

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**Instruction:** Answer all questions in Section A and any three questions in Section B.

Time: 2 hours

SECTION A

[25 Marks]

*Answer all the questions in this section. Choose from lettered A to D the one that appropriately answers the question or that appropriately relates to the statement.*

1. Which of the following factors can lead to regional variations in English?
  - a. Education and social standing
  - b. Migration and bad communication
  - c. Variations according to attitude
  - d. Interference

2. The term used for the varieties of English spoken in different geographical areas is.....
  - a. Standard English
  - b. Dialects
  - c. Education-based English
  - d. Formal English
3. In which circle of World Englishes do countries like the USA, UK, Canada, and Australia belong?
  - a. Inner Circle
  - b. Outer Circle
  - c. Expanding Circle
  - d. Non-English Speaking Countries
4. Which historical period is associated with Old English (Anglo-Saxon)?
  - a. 500-1100 CE
  - b. 1100-1500 CE
  - c. 1500-Present
  - d. 1600-1800
5. Variations in English based on education and social standing are often referred to as "Standard English."
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. The three main Germanic tribes who brought English to Britain are -----
  - a. Neolites, Saxons and Angels
  - b. Celtic, Angles and Saxons
  - c. Island, Jutes and Angels
  - d. Jutes, Angles and Saxons
7. One of the following is not a feature of spoken discourse .....
  - a. Gestures
  - b. Ellipsis
  - c. Simple structures
  - d. Idioms
8. All the following are features of Regional Varieties except...
  - a. Spoken at different geographical areas
  - b. Easy to detect from people's speech
  - c. Mutually intelligible
  - d. Spoken by all persons

9. Which of the following countries is a native speaker of English?
  - a. South Africa
  - b. Ghana
  - c. Nigeria
  - d. Togo
10. Who classified speakers of World Englishes?
  - a. Geoffrey Chaucer
  - b. John Austin
  - c. Braj Kashrus
  - d. Randolph Quirk
11. Native speakers are known as 'Norm-providing' of standard for English around the world.
  - a. False
  - b. True
12. What is ENL?
  - a. English and Neo-Classical Language
  - b. English as a Native Language
  - c. English of Non-Native Language
  - d. English for Northern Language
13. In relation to ESL, one of the following is odd .....
  - a. Ghana
  - b. Nigeria
  - c. Kenya
  - d. New Zealand
14. One of the following does not see English as a foreign language .....
  - a. China
  - b. Sweden
  - c. Japan
  - d. Ghana
15. Which of the following is an example of British English?
  - a. Petrol
  - b. Gas
  - c. Check
  - d. Can
16. *Close peg* is to British whilst \_\_\_\_\_ is to America.
  - a. Close peg
  - b. Close pin
  - c. Close bin
  - d. Close tin

17. *There are fat fat women in the market* is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ in Ghanaian English.
- grammar
  - reduplication
  - verbosity
  - Ellipsis
18. ... is also used in contexts in which ceremony and impersonality is dominant.
- Formal English
  - Sociolect
  - Dialect
  - Idiolect
19. All the following are features of standard variety except...
- slower speech
  - less vowel reduction
  - less assimilation
  - full of idioms
20. Jargons are used by specialists in the same field as a sign of expertise as well as solidarity
- False
  - True
21. One of the following does not explain Jargons.
- A confused unintelligent language
  - A strange outlandish language or dialect
  - A simplified hybrid language
  - A language tool for all manner of persons
22. The common thing to all forms of jargons is the assumption that they are ...
- unintelligible to outsiders.
  - intelligible to outsiders
  - easy to understand
  - Idiolects
23. What is the domain of the expression *your Lordship*?
- Politics
  - Religion
  - Law
  - Education
24. Pick the **odd** one out.
- Ritual forms
  - Funerals
  - Baptism
  - Matriculation

25. ... describes the English of conversation, private correspondence, everyday writing and speaking.
- Standardization
  - Informal language
  - Dialect
  - Linguistic marker

## SECTION B

Answer any three questions from this section  
[75 marks]

1. Copy and complete the template below.

How do speakers of British English (BrE) and American English (AmE) pronounce the following words:

Word	British English	American English
Route	.....	.....
Schedule	.....	.....
God	.....	.....
Either	.....	.....
Laugh	.....	.....
Flock	.....	.....

2. Briefly explain the following sociolinguistic terms:

- Dialect
- Creole
- Ecolect
- Lingua Franca
- Sociolect

3. Discuss any five differences between spoken language and written language.

4. (a) What is meant by language variation?

(b) What is mutual intelligibility?

(c) Identify any two varieties or dialects of the following languages in Ghana:

(i) Akan

(ii) Ewe

(iii) Ga-Danbge

(d) How different is American English from English?

5a. What English is referred to as Ghanaian Educated English?

5b. Using appropriate examples, discuss three features of Educated Ghanaian English.