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Course Code: ENG321

Course title: Contemporary English Usage

Credit Unit: (3C)

Time: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any **three** questions of your choice.

- 1. Critically assess the statement that "Contemporary English is a newer version of Modern English in current use"
- 2. English usage is sometimes determined by situations, professions and vocations. Explain varieties according to subject matter in this regard.
- 3. In the generation of sentences, form and function may affect meaning. Explain with adequate examples.
- 4. Rhetoric is public speaking but speech making absorbs all forms. Discuss this proposition properly.
- 5. *Usage* is individual style but *use* is a product of linguistic rules. Explain this statement from your understanding of *style*, *use* and *usage*.