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ENG321: Contemporary English Usage (3C)

Time: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any three questions of your choice. Each question is 23 Marks, while 1 mark will be awarded for correct grammatical sentences.

1. What would you regard as the new form of communication the internet has brought?
2. Discuss 6 characteristics associated with the writing of an Email.
3. *“The English vocabulary has changed considerably over the centuries.”* Discuss some of these changes in relation to:
 - i. Lexical History
 - ii. Grammatical History
 - iii. Phonological History
4. Write short notes of not more than two paragraphs each on the following:
 - i. English as Native Language
 - ii. English as a Second Language
 - iii. English as a Foreign Language
 - iv. English as Lingua Franca
5. What is usually referred to as ‘Queen’s English’? In what ways is the spoken Queen’s English of the older members of the British Royal Family different from that spoken by younger members of the Royal family?