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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY
**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

COURSE CODE: ENG 214

**COURSE TITLE: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES OF THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE AND SOCIOLINGUISTICS**

DATE: TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2022

TIME: 11:00-1:00PM

Time: 2 Hrs

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Answer question One (Compulsory) and any other two questions

All answers should be illustrated with examples from the English Language

- Q 1. (a) Describe the language situation in England before English. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain the origin of Old English. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain the factors that aided the revival of English after French domination. (6 marks)
- (d) Describe the characteristics of the London Dialect. (6 marks)
- (e) Briefly discuss the major contributions towards standardizing English spelling. (6 marks)
2. Discuss the contributions of the Christian religion to the growth of the English language. (20 marks)
3. Compare and contrast Middle English grammar and Early Modern English grammar. (20 marks)
4. Discuss the contributions of William Shakespeare and the King James Bible to the English lexicon during the Renaissance. (20 marks)
5. Explain how English vocabulary has been largely affected by some new developments across the world since 1900. (20 marks)