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COURSE CODE: ENG 203
COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
UNIT: 3 CREDIT UNITS
DURATION: 3 Hours

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE PAGES.
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO FROM SECTION B.

SECTION A: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Table with 3 columns: QUESTION, ANSWER, and TOTAL NO. Row 1: Question 1a) English is a Germanic language... Table with 2 columns: Language, Branch of Germanic family. Row 2: Question 1b) On the Table Showing Brief Chronology of English...

**TABLE SHOWING BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF ENGLISH**

s/no	Date	Significant event
e.g	55 BC	Roman invasion of Britain by <i>Julius Caesar</i>
i.	.....	William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, invades and conquers England
ii.	1204	.....loses control of the Duchy of Normandy and other French lands
iii.	.....	The University of Cambridge is formed by scholars from Oxford.
iv.	.....	Chaucer starts writing <i>The Canterbury Tales</i>
v.	.....	William Caxton establishes the first English printing press
vi.	.....	Shakespeare is born
vii.	1604	..... the first English dictionary, is published
viii.	1702	..... the first daily English-language newspaper, is published in London
ix.	1755	..... publishes his English dictionary.
x.	1791	..... , the oldest national Sunday newspaper in Britain, begins publication.
xi.	1828	..... publishes his American English dictionary
xii.	1847	..... , the first printing press in Nigeria is established in Calabar.
xiii.	1859	Nigeria's first newspaper, ..... , starts publication. •
xiv.	1859	Nigeria's first secondary school, ..... is established in Lagos
xv.	.....	The British Broadcasting Corporation is founded
xvi.	1925	The ..... is incorporated by Richard Barrow, Adeyemo Alakija and others
xvii.	.....	The Oxford English Dictionary is published.
xviii.	.....	Radio Diffusion Service, which allowed the public to listen to foreign radio service broadcasts of the BBC in certain public locations in Nigeria, begins.
xix.	.....	The first television service is established by the BBC.
xx.	1948	Nigeria's first degree granting institution, .....is established.
xxi.	1959	The first television station in Africa, ....., is established
xxii.	.....	Nigeria gains independence from Great Britain
xxiii.	2004	..... a social networking site created by Mark Zuckerberg, begins operating.
xxiv.	2006	Twitter, a social networking and microblogging service, is created by .....

## SECTION B: ESSAY

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION.

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| 2. a) | Itemise in tabular format some of the differences between Old English and Late Modern English?  | 3  |
| b)    | Discuss three factors that had a significant impact on the development of English in the Modern English period.   | 12 |
| 3.    | With appropriate examples, discuss the contribution of any three languages to the development of the English lexicon. State clearly the language, period and extent of influence. | 15 |
| 4 a)  | What are the major features of the English Language as used in West Africa?   | 10 |
| b)    | Itemise the significant happenings in the re-establishment of the English language in the 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> Centuries.  | 5  |
| 5a)   | Drawing on the examples of the Americas, India, Australia and Nigeria, show how the expansion of the British Empire affected English vocabulary.                                  | 12 |
| b)    | Itemise some of the assets of English from the point of view of a foreign language learner.   | 3  |