

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS AND CULTURE

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS & CULTURE 2010-2011 (August / September 2013)

ENG 2101 THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration : 03 hours

Answer any four including question No.01

1. Write short notes for any **four** of the following:
 - (a) Language Family
 - (b) Indo-European language family
 - (c) Germanic Conquest
 - (d) Norman Conquest
 - (e) Prefixes and suffixes in Old English
2. Write an essay on the origin and development of the English Language until the modern period.
3. Describe and illustrate the characteristics of Middle English.
4. Provide an account of the Latin influence the English Language underwent. Substantiate with sufficient examples for borrowings.
5. Describe the cultural aspects consequent upon the Norman Conquest that left a linguistic trail on the English Language and illustrate with linguistic data which bear witness to the change.
6. Write a description about American English in detail, and exemplify its differences from British English in terms of vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation.