



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Faculty of Arts

Department of Languages

2021_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG854

COURSE TITLE: THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN WEST AFRICA

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY **FOUR** QUESTIONS

CREDIT UNITS: 3

1. Trace the antecedent of the English language in West Africa; paying careful attention to Trade, Politics and Religion as important in its rise and development. **(45mins; 17.5 marks)**
2. ‘Pidgin is seen as a language in its own right’. Using Nigeria Pidgin English as a case in point, evaluate the claim above. **(45mins; 17.5 marks)**
3. ‘Nigeria English can be equated to other varieties across the Globe’. Critically evaluate this claim, backing your answers with the characteristics of Nigeria English. **(45mins; 17.5 marks)**
4. “English as a language has always been on the move spreading round the entire territory of Europe, America and other parts of the world”. Discuss. **(45mins; 17.5 marks)**
5. Critically evaluate the role of the English in the following domains:
 - (a) Education
 - (b) The cyber space
 - (c) Business**(45mins; 17.5 marks)**