



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, JABI, ABUJA  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
2024 1 EXAMINATION

**COURSE CODE: ENG 854**

**COURSE TITLE: English Language in West Africa**

**CREDIT UNITS: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer four (4) questions in all.**

1. With adequately discussed examples, compare and contrast West African and British English sound system. (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
2. Discuss the use of English in the following spheres:
  - a. The Constitutional Sphere (3<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
  - b. The educational Sphere (3<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
  - c. The Medical Sphere (3<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
  - d. The Religious Sphere (3<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
  - e. The business Sphere (3<sup>1/2</sup> marks) (Total: 17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
3.
  - a. Differentiate between linguistic competence and performance. (5<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
  - b. Highlight and discuss three (3) impediments to effective teaching and learning of phonology in West Africa. (12 marks)
4.
  - a. What is morphology? (6 marks)
  - b. Critically examine the morphology of West African English (11<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
5. With clear-cut explanations, discuss why the following expressions are ill-formed:
  - a. We *are* not *hearing* you at the back, Sir!
  - b. I' m knowing you for the first time
  - c. I *am* not *seeing* the board clearly from here
  - d. Remember you 're still *owing* me two hundred naira
  - e. The problem has *been existing* for two years now.
  - f. Driver, please drop me here.
  - g. I will pick you at ten o'clock.

- h. We were asked to *fill* some forms
- i. Your complaint *is being* attended to.
- j. Have you taking pains to investigate the matter?

**(17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)**