

**University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**Faculty of Arts**

**Second Year Examination in Arts (Study Stream)**

**English Studies: Theory and Practice**

**Semester 2, 2016/2017**

**ENG 2216: THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Two Hours**

**Answer ANY TWO (02) questions.**

1. Standardization was the key linguistic process associated with the social changes that took place during the Modern English period. Explain the process of standardization of the English language citing suitable examples.
2. "The Norman Conquest changed the whole path of the English language". Evaluate this statement in the light of social and political consequences of the linguistic impact brought on by the Norman Conquest.
3. "The English language has undergone such change in the course of time that one cannot read Old English without special study." (Baugh et al, 2001) Discuss this statement with reference to the grammar of Old English.
4. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
  - a) The Great Vowel Shift
  - b) Grammatical Gender
  - c) Emergence of Nationalism
  - d) Grimm's Law

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