

**University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**Faculty of Arts**

**Special Degree in Arts (English), Year 2, Semester 2, 2016/2017**

**ENG 2224: 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. Although colonization had an immense impact on the spread and development of the English language, its manifestations differ according to the type of colonization. Analyze this statement with reference to displacement colonies, subjection colonies, and replacement colonies, providing suitable examples.
  
3. The English language has had a long and turbulent history where it has been wielded as a tool of socio-political power. Do you agree? Substantiate your argument using examples.
  
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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