



Høgskolen i Telemark

Fakultet for allmennvitenskapelige fag

SLUTTEKSAMEN

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2029 ENGLISH THROUGH THE AGES

15.12.11

Tid: 4 timer

Målform: Engelsk

Sidetall: 3 sider inkl. forsida

Vedlegg: Ingen

Hjelpemiddel: Engelsk-engelsk ordbok

Denne eksamenen teller 60% av den endelige karakteren i kurs 2029.

Eksamensresultatene blir offentliggjort på nettet via Studentweb

The candidates should answer five questions in total; two from part 1, two from part 2 and one from part 3.

PART 1 (30%)

Please answer **two of the following three** questions (about a page on each):

1. Account for the continued standardisation of English in the Early Modern English period (c. 1500 – 1800).
2. Outline the main linguistic changes that took place in Early Modern English, focusing on phonology and syntax.
3. How did the Renaissance influence language development in England in the 16th and 17th centuries?

PART 2 (30%)

Please answer **two of the following three** questions (about a page on each):

1. What is meant by a rhotic accent? Mention one area in the USA which is mostly non-rhotic today, and explain why it became non-rhotic in the first place.
2. What are the main dialect areas in England? Mention three dialectal features typically distinguishing between areas.
3. Briefly account for the development of RP from its beginning until today, and the role it plays at present.

PART 3 (40%)

Please answer **one of the following two** questions (2-3 pages):

1. Discuss the main reasons for the existing differences between American English and British English, taking into account political and historical developments. Illustrate with some linguistic examples.

OR

2. Give an outline of how English came to be the world's leading language, taking into account events from c. 1500 CE until today.