



Høgskolen i Telemark

Fakultet for allmennvitenskapelige fag

SLUTTEKSAMEN

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2029 ENGLISH THROUGH THE AGES

5.12.12

Tid: 4 timer

Målform: Engelsk

Sidetall: 2 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 and three from part 2.

PART 1 (60%)

Please answer **two of the following four** questions (c. 2 pages on each):

1. Account for the standardisation of English in late Middle English and Early Modern English.
2. Give an outline of the history of RP, including its role in education, its global position and the status of local dialects.
3. How did English become the world's leading language? Your answer should take into account events from c. 1500 until today.
4. What was the Great Vowel Shift? What consequences did it have for the relationship between spelling and pronunciation? Illustrate with examples.

PART 2 (40%)

Please answer **three of the following four** questions (1/2 – 1 page on each):

1. What is Estuary English? Illustrate your account with some examples of features that distinguish Estuary English from RP.
2. What are the main dialect areas in England? Mention at least three dialectal features which distinguish between areas.
3. Briefly discuss why American English and British English differ in several respects, and include some examples of linguistic differences.
4. Give an account of the main phonological changes in the Early Modern English period.