

Eksamen

2029N English through the Ages

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Tid/Time : 4 timer (10-14)

Målform/Language : Engelsk

Sidetall/Pages : 2 med forsiden

Hjelpemidler/Aids : Engelsk-engelsk ordbok

Vedlegg/Appendix : Ingen

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

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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 (1 ½ – 2 pages on each):

1. Give an outline of how English has become a global language. Your answer should take into account developments from Early Modern English and onwards.
2. What are the main reasons behind the current differences between British English and American English? Your discussion should include historical and political circumstances. Illustrate with some linguistic examples.
3. Account for the standardisation process in English in late Middle English (from around 1350) and Early Modern English.

PART 2 (40%)

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

1. What are typical features of **Estuary English**, which distinguish it from RP? Illustrate with examples.
2. What is meant by a **rhotic accent**? Mention one **non-rhotic area** in the USA today, and explain why it became non-rhotic in the first place.
3. What was **the inkhorn debate** about? Comment on the expansion of vocabulary during the Renaissance in England.
4. a) Comment on the current pronunciation of the **initial consonant combination** in the words below. How were these words pronounced before the Early Modern English period?

gnash, knife, gnome, knee

- b) Give a brief account of the other main phonological changes in Early Modern English.