

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION – 2010

TITLE OF PAPER : ENGLISH AS AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

COURSE CODE : IDE –E4P2

DURATION : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS**
- 1) This question paper consists of FIVE questions.**
 - 2) Answer only THREE questions.**
 - 3) Each question is worth 30 marks.**
 - 4) Good English will attract credit.**
 - 5) This paper consists of 3 pages, cover page included.**

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QUESTION 1

What is form in English as an international language? Support your views with relevant examples from British and American English. [20 marks]

QUESTION 2

With the aid of appropriate examples, discuss the factors that are responsible for the variation of English in the world. [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Saville-Toike (1989) in Wardhaugh (1986:85) quotes the following letter to the editor of the Trinidad Guardian. A report on a Language Arts syllabus had recognized that most Trinidadians spoke a Creole and that English was not their native language. The letter protests as follows:

If the language of the barrack yard and the market place is to be the accepted mode of expression in the classroom... there would be no need for teachers...we could save the high wages of these experts and set them free to go and plant peas... where they can give full vent of their dialect stuff...what if not broken English is this dialect?...I feel such discussions should be banned from our news media as a most damaging exercise.

What might you say in a follow up letter to the editor of the Guardian? [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

To what extent do you agree that language standardisation, which is also referred to as verbal or linguistic hygiene, will ever succeed in its attempts to clean the various bits and pieces 'that have 'corrupted the English Language'? [20 marks]

QUESTION 5

- a) With the aid of examples, distinguish between use and user related varieties of English. [10 marks]
- b) What are the characteristic features of non-native varieties of English? [10 marks]