

**EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**  
**Second Year First Semester Examination in Arts &  
Culture 2010/2011 (Jan/Feb-2013)**



**ENG 2101 The History of the English Language**

**Duration : 3 hours**

**Answer four questions including question No.01. Do not repeat your answer to any question.**

**Each question carries 15 marks.**

1. Write short notes for any **five** of the following:
  - a. Language family
  - b. Indo-European language family
  - c. Inflectional simplicity of the English Language
  - d. Cosmopolitan vocabulary of the English Language
  - e. Germanic language
  - f. Celtic language
  - g. Resourcefulness of the Old English vocabulary
  - h. Germanic Conquest
2. Write an essay on the origin and development of the English Language, incorporating all the periods up to the present.
3. Enumerate and describe the prominent features of Old English.
4. Assess the linguistic influence the Norman Conquest effected upon the English Language delineating the changes.
5. 'English is a notorious borrower'. Common on this statement. Substantiate it with appropriate details such as vocabulary and grammar.
6. Distinguish between the varieties British English and American English focusing on vocabulary, sound and grammar.