**BANGOR UNIVERSITY**

**ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Time allowed: 2 hours**

Answer **ANY THREE** of the following questions, supporting your answers with examples wherever possible.

1. Choose a contemporary dialect of English and briefly explain how it differs linguistically from Standard British English. Consider different grammatical features (e.g. vocabulary, sounds, syntax, morphology) in your answer.
2. With reference to theory of language acquisition where appropriate, describe the main stages by which a typically-developing monolingual child would acquire their first language. You should mention what kinds of linguistic features the child would be expected to be able to produce at each stage.
3. Explain how we change our language use depending on who our audience is, and give some explanations as to why we do so.
4. “English is a global language and will always be a global language.” Do you agree with this statement? Explain why or why not.
5. To what extent is language a part of a person’s identity? How do different groups in society express their group identity through language use?
6. Describe the differences in language use that are likely to be found between a monolingual English speaker (i.e. someone who can only speak English) and a bilingual person (i.e. someone who can speak two languages).
7. Discuss the different attitudes that are shown by people towards linguistic change in English, and explain why people might have such attitudes.
8. “Written English is uniform while spoken English is varied.” Do you agree with this statement? Explain why or why not.