**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. Are signed languages like British Sign Language (BSL), American Sign Language (ASL), German Sign Language (DSL) real languages? Explain why or why not.
2. “Research has shown that in everyday common communication contexts men’s and women’s speech is fundamentally different in terms of sentence type and structure and type and preference of words used”. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Explain why or why not.
3. “Explain some of the main ways in which Present Day English in 2021 differs linguistically from the English of Chaucer’s time 1340-1400 (i.e., Middle English )
4. Summarise the typical linguistic development of a child growing up in a monolingual English home in the UK today between the ages of zero and five years old. Please mention the development of their pronunciation (phonology), their syntax and their vocabulary as relevant.
5. How do people use language to express their identity? Please give examples in terms of semantics and syntax. And how do different groups in society expressed their group identity through language? Again, please give examples in terms of syntax and semantics.
6. It is been claimed that only human beings possess and use ‘language’. You agree or disagree with this statement? Please give examples to support your position.
7. It is been claimed that people who speak only one language (i.e., monolinguals) conceptualize and view the world differently than those who speak 2 or more languages (i.e., bilinguals or multilingual’s). Do you agree or disagree with the statement?
8. Language change inevitably leads to language decline. Discussed this claim with particular reference to the linguistic notions of prescriptivism and descriptivism.