**BANGOR UNIVERSITY 2022**

**ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Time allowed: 2 hours**

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

1. 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.
2. ‘Language change inevitably leads to language decline’. Discussed this claim with particular reference to the linguistic notions of prescriptivism and descriptivism.
3. It is been claimed by Noam Chomsky and others that only human beings possess and use ‘language’. You agree or disagree with this statement? Please give examples to support your position.
4. “Research has shown that in everyday common communication contexts men’s and women’s speech very similar in terms of sentence type, structure, general vocabulary and expressions”. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Explain why or why not.
5. Please explain some of the main ways in which Present Day English in 2022 differs linguistically from the English of Chaucer’s time 1340-1400 (i.e., Middle English )
6. Please summarise the proposed 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.
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. Are signed languages like British Sign Language (BSL), American Sign Language (ASL), German Sign Language (DSL) real languages? Explain why or why not.