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Answer **three** of the questions. Write **at least** 300 words in answer to each question. **Note:** You will lose points if you answer more than three of the questions.

This is a 4-hour written examination.

You must submit your answer in English.

You may represent special characters by spelling them out; e.g. 'thorn' for the Runic character by that name, or 'long-i' for the phoneme by that name.












*What you write will be stored automatically every 15 seconds.*

You are not allowed to use any aids, such as a monolingual English dictionary or a thesaurus.

# 1 Exam questions

1. Discuss the roles of Central French and Anglo-French in the Middle English period.
2. Discuss the notion of 'Chancery Standard' (Samuels's Type IV) in relation to standardisation.
3. Describe the consequences of weakening of vowels in unstressed syllables on Middle English phonology, syntax, or morphology.
4. Orthographic variation is a characteristic of Middle English. Give an account for why variation could survive.
5. What is the 'Celtic hypothesis'?
6. Give examples of dialectal distributions relevant to a characterisation of Middle English.
7. Elaboration of function is a stage in Einar Haugen's standardisation model. How does this stage play out during the Middle English period?
8. Some older literature describes the poet Geoffrey Chaucer as the "father of the English language". Is this view of him justified, and if so, on what grounds?
9. Describe at least one syntactic change of relevance to the Middle English period.

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