

Below are FIVE topics I may choose from for the exam. I will end up picking THREE of them to appear. You will be asked to select TWO of them to write 3-4 paragraph responses to answer with details and specific information.

Should bring a Blue Book to the exam to write down your answers.

1. How did the Age of Exploration on the growth of the British Empire and therefore the growth of English language? Be specific and detailed in your answer.
2. Describe the process by which supporters tried to establish an Academy in England for the regulation of the English language. Name at least two major figures involved, examples, and why did it ultimately fail.
3. Describe what the role of the grammarians was and why did they fail when it came to their attempts to apply regulation to language. Name some of their principal goals, along with what, in detail, element of language resisted and defeated them.
4. At the end of the Elizabethan period, during the age of Shakespeare, what was his impact on language, and what major changes in England during that time helped facilitate that spread of the English language?
5. Draw a connection for me in English language between the Vernacular (spoken language of locals), Orthography (spelling), and development of the Dictionary in England.