



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SUPPLEMENTARY

AEN 202: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

1 (a) Using examples, explain any TWO parameter that are is to describe consonant sounds (6 marks)

(b)Using TWO examples, explain the notion of WORD stress. (6 marks)

(c) Using one word for each case, compare the following vowels: (4 marks)

(i) /u/ and /ɔ:/

(ii) /ʌ/ and /e/

(d) Using two examples OF EACH, explain the difference between a diphthong and a long vowel. (4 marks)

(e) Explain the concept of consonant clusters and show how they can be problematic for Kenyan speakers of English and as a second language. (4 marks)

(f) Describe the constitution of a syllable (6 marks)

2. (a) Using examples, explain the concept of incomplete plosives (10 marks)

(b) Give ONE difference between the following consonant sounds . (10 marks)

(i) /s/and /f/

(ii) /ʃ/ and /tʃ/

(iii) /t/ and /d/

(iv) /dʒ/ and /ʒ/

(v) /ŋ/ and /n/

3. (a) Using examples, explain the concept of distinctive and non-distinctive variation. (12 marks)

(b) What is the difference between a 'phonetic' and a 'phonemic' transcription. (3 marks)

(c) Use three examples to show how phonemic assimilation happens in quick speech in phrases transcribe the examples (5 marks)

4. Discuss FOUR parameters of describing vowel sounds. (20 marks)

5. Using examples of two assimilatory and two non-assimilatory processes, explain the difference between assimilatory and non-assimilatory processes. (20 marks)