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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
AEN 0203: ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND SOUND SYSTEM

DATE: 23/10/2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Using one example of each, define the following linguistic terms:
- i) Morpheme (2 marks)
 - ii) Stem (2 marks)
 - iii) A self-explaining compound (3 marks)
 - iv) Derivation (3 marks)
 - v) Register (2 marks)
- b) Using one example of each, explain the difference between word formation processes and sources of words (6 marks)
- c) Using two examples, explain the concept of ‘morph’ in morphology (4 marks)
- d) Differentiate a phonemic from phonetic transcription (2 marks)
- e) Give a phonetic transcription of the following words:
- i) mother (2 marks)
 - ii) John (1 mark)
 - iii) Machakos (2 marks)
 - iv) run (1 mark)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using one example in each case, discuss any four factors that influence register.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Using two examples of each, discuss any **THREE** features that characterize non- standard English. (12 marks)
- b) Discuss two characteristics of Kenyan English. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

As a teacher of the English language, identify five sources that you can use to get words in the language to teach your learners.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how any four topics that you have studied in this unit can be of use to you as a teacher of English.