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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF ARTS
AEN 202: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Use English words of your choice to distinguish between minimal pairs and allophones. (5 marks)
- b) Using the words 'ng'ombe' and king demonstrate that different languages have different sequential constraints. (5 marks)
- c) Using three examples explain the difference between broad and narrow transcription (6 marks)
- d) Explain what you understand by the following concepts. (8 marks)
- i. Phonation
 - ii. complementary distribution
 - iii. Distinctive features
 - iv. Free variation
- e) Briefly demonstrate how the position of the tongue distinguishes English vowels. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Critically examine the four strictures that characterize the production of consonants (12 marks)
- b) Explain in detail the English vowels in terms of Diphthongs and Triphthongs (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With adequate examples, explain assimilation and non-assimilation process in English.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss any 4 supra-segmental features in English phonology.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With adequate examples, discuss Braj B. Kachru's classification of English varieties