



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0203: ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND SOUND SYSTEM

DATE: 19/8/2021

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms:
- i. Phonological language change (2 marks)
 - ii. Language change (2 marks)
 - iii. Verb –adverb word combination (3 marks)
 - iv. Compounding (2 marks)
- b) Using two examples, explain the concept of free morphemes (5 marks)
- c) Explain the concept of language styles. (5 marks)
- d) Differentiate between:
- i. Sporadic and systematic language change (2 marks)
 - ii. Standard and non-standard English (4 marks)
 - iii. Phonetic and phonemic transcription (4 marks)
 - iv. Morph and allomorph (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any two ways in which Kenyan English differs from Standard English (SE). (8 marks)
- b) Explain why it is easier to use written Standard English (SE) than spoken Standard (SE) English. (2 marks)
- c) Outline, with one example of each, any **five** characteristics of Kenyan English (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any **four** causes of language change (12 marks)
- b) Discuss any **four** types of semantic change. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain, using examples, any **five** different ways that a language can use to extend its words.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how any **five** topics that you have studied in this unit will be useful to you as a teacher of language.