



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF ARTS
AEN 401: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: 31/8/2022

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in Varieties of English.
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| i. Regional dialect | (2 marks) |
| ii. Social dialect | (2 marks) |
| iii. language standardization | (4 marks) |
| iv. idiolect | (2 marks) |
| v. register | (2 marks) |
- b) Using two reasons, explain why the RP model of English cannot work in the Kenyan education system. (8 marks)
- c) Explain THREE criteria that can be used to differentiate a language and a dialect (6 marks)
- d) Explain the varieties of English according to social class and gender (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using relevant examples, discuss any five causes of language variation.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) With two examples of each, discuss any three characteristics of Kenyan English (12 marks)
- b) Analyse the three models of English according to Kachru (1985) (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain, using one example in each category, any five aspects of variation that can occur in English.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Imagine that you are part of a team that has been commissioned by the State Department of Education to come up with a standard language in your County to be used in the instruction of children in Grade 1 to 3. Describe the steps that you would use in this process.