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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 816: LANGUAGE VARIATION AND FUNCTION

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Two Questions

1. Drawing examples from the British and American Standard Englishes, discuss the following sources of language variation.
 - (a) Phonetic and phonological;
 - (b) Morphological;
 - (c) Lexical;
 - (d) Syntactic;
 - (e) Cultural.

(30 marks)
2. There is a case for the clamour for own varieties of English among countries of the world. Do you agree? Write an argument to support your position.

(20 marks)
3. The emerging Kenyan variety of English deviates from the British Standard English. Discuss.

(20 marks)
4. Drawing examples from World Englishes, discuss how varieties of English can be determined by any two social factors.

(20 marks)
5. Varieties of English can be determined according to use. Explain this proposition using examples from real life situations.

(20 marks)