



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 0103: HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE: 10/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the three main stages recognized in the history of the development of English language (12 marks)
- b) Explain the main grammatical changes of the Middle English period (8 marks)
- c) Discuss causes that lead to heavy borrowing of Latin and Greek from other languages (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the major grammatical features of 'Standard 'Old English (10 marks)
- b) Explain how the Great Vowel Shift changed pronunciation (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following features of American English:

- a) Pronunciation
- b) words
- c) Spelling
- d) Grammar

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the future of English language in relation to:

- a) Reasonable predictions
- b) Speculations on Vocabulary
- c) Languages expected to prevail in future

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With relevant illustrations discuss modern English in relation to:

- a) Phonology
- b) Morphology inflection
- c) Affixation
- d) Composition