



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 401 VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: SHOOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in Varieties of English.
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| i. Variety | (2 marks) |
| ii. Register | (2 marks) |
| iii. Language standardization | (4 marks) |
| iv. Idiolect | (2 marks) |
| v. Mutual intelligibility | (2 marks) |
- b) Explain any Four causes of language variation (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 four variety classes that pertain to language usage.

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