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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 202- PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE: 30/5/2017

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Define the following phonological terms:
 - i. Orthography (1 mark)
 - ii. Phonotactics (1 mark)
 - iii. Vocal Tract (2 marks)
 - iv. Airstream Mechanism (2 marks)
 - v. Dialect (2 marks)
- b) Using examples, show the difference between phonetic and phonemic transcription (4 marks)
- c) Using two examples of each, show the difference between progressive and regressive assimilation (6 marks)
- d) Show the phonetic and phonemic transcriptions of the following words
 - i. Come
 - ii. Uniform
 - iii. Standard
 - iv. Fathom
 - v. Blood (2 marks each)

- e) Explain the difference between pure vowels and diphthongs (2 marks)
2. Compare the production of consonant and vowel sounds. Use two criteria for either category and give appropriate examples of sounds. (20 marks)
3. a) With appropriate examples, discuss any two circles of English varieties as categorized by Kachru (1985) (16 marks)
- b) Explain any two aspects in which the Kenyan variety of English differs from the Standard English (4 marks)
4. Using four assimilatory processes, discuss the process of assimilation. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the importance of phonology to a teacher of language. (20 marks)