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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATION

AEN 0203: ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND SOUND SYSTEM

DATE: 5/6/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One (Compulsory) And Any Other Two.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a) Define 'morpheme' and give an example. (2 marks)
- b) Discuss TWO types of affixes giving specific examples. (8 marks)
- c) Explain FIVE ways of word formation; give examples (15 marks)
- d) Transcribe the following words phonetically: (5 marks)
 - i. Gown
 - ii. Stem
 - iii. Cat
 - iv. Trough
 - v. Church

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss FIVE causes of language change and give illustrations for each. (10 marks)
- b) Differentiate between inflections and derivations. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Describe FIVE ways of forming compound words in English. Give examples for each. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following giving specific illustrations:
 - i. Lexical morphemes (6 marks)
 - ii. Functional morphemes (6 marks)
- b) Differentiate of Standard and non-standard English (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain each of the following type of Language change giving examples of each:

- a) Lexical change (10 marks)
- b) Semantic change (10 marks)