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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 202: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

Date: 1/8/2016

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. (a) As a student of phonology, show the phonetic symbol for each of the underlined sounds in the following words and give one difference between the sounds in each pair
 - (i) Shirt son (2 marks)
 - (ii) Chair honey (2 marks)
 - (iii) Pleasure song (2 marks)
 - (iv) Thorn winner (2 marks)
- (b) Explain the concept of non-distinctive variation. (3 marks)
- (c) Use any two examples to explain the idea that a vowel may not have “full” quality in syllables that are not stressed. (4 marks)
- (d) Define pre-nasalization and give three examples of pre-nasalized stops from any Kenyan language. Write the words in which they occur. (5 marks)

- (e) Give five characteristics of the sound /ə/. (5 marks)
- (f) Show the difference between the vowels (i) and /i:/. (5 marks)
2. Using five examples of diphthongs, explain the difference between diphthongs and monophthongs. (20 marks)
3. Identify the vowel sounds in your first language (or any other language but English), give examples of words in which they occur and describe them using the four parameters that are used to describe vowel sounds. (20 marks)
4. (a) Define intonation and explain the four circumstances in which it can be used. (10 marks)
- (b) Using any four examples, explain how one can use sound to distinguish meaning in a language. (10 marks)
5. Discuss the importance of phonology to you as a teacher of English. (20 marks)