



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 202: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE: 20/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Using one example in each case, explain the concepts of distinctive and non-distinctive variation. (6 marks)
- b) State the place of articulation of the following sounds and explain how each is produced:
 - i. /p/ (3 marks)
 - ii. (/ʃ/ (4 marks)
 - iii. /m/ (3 marks)
 - iv. (/t/ (3 marks)
- c) Using TWO examples of sounds for each category, show the difference between the open and close approximation strictures. (6 marks)
- d) Using examples, describe any TWO types of syllables (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using TWO airstream mechanisms, explain initiation as a parameter for describing consonant sounds (8 marks)
- b) Using four parameters, describe the following vowels (12 marks)
- i. /ɔ/
 - ii. /ʊ/
 - iii. /ɪ/
 - iv. /ə/

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Using appropriate examples, discuss any FOUR processes of assimilation

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using examples of any five sounds, discuss how it can be difficult for Kenyans to achieve native-like pronunciation in the English language.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain how any FIVE topics that you have studied in Phonology of English are helpful to you in your teaching of language.