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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 401: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: 26/8/2017

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Differentiate the following terms;
 - i. Ideolect and dialect
 - ii. Register and regional variation
 - iii. Code mixing and code switching
 - iv. Standard English and non-standard English
 - v. Language revival and language reform (10 marks)
- b) Discuss any three language planning goals according to Nadir (2003) (8marks)
- c) Michael Halliday (1978) outlines three factors for the specification of registers. Describe these three factors briefly (6 marks)
- d) Multi-linguals and bi-linguals can easily apply language choice. Discuss two types of language choice. (6 marks)
2. Attempt a comparison of the standard British English with other varieties of English. (20 marks)
3. a) Discuss the causes of language variation (10 marks)
- b) Identify and discuss the two main differences between accents (10 marks)

4. Discuss the characteristics of Kenyan English in relation to the Standard English under the following sub- headings;
- i. The degree of variance.
 - ii. Linguistic properties.
 - iii. Pronunciation.
 - iv. Vocabulary.
 - v. Grammar. (20 marks)
5. Describe the varieties of English according to **use, users, medium, interference and attitude** (20 marks)