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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0203: ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND SOUND SYSTEM

Date: 3/8/2016

Time: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a) Define 'Word' and give an example. (2 marks)
- b) Discuss THREE kinds of affixes giving specific examples. (12 marks)
- c) Using examples, discuss FIVE ways of word formation. (10 marks)
- d) Give the phonetic transcription of the following words: (6 marks)
 - i) Girl
 - ii) Stop
 - iii) Cat
 - iv) Tap
 - v) Church
 - vi) Ball

QUESTION TWO

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

QUESTION THREE

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

QUESTION FOUR

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

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Explain each of the following type of Language change giving examples of each:
- i) Lexical change (10 marks)
 - ii) Semantic change (10 marks)