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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 401: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: 24/7/2017

TIME : 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. Define the following concepts as used in varieties of English:
 - (a) (i) dialect (2 marks)
 - (ii) standard language (2 marks)
 - (iii) EngEng (2 marks)
 - (iv) pronunciation (2 marks)
 - (v) standard accent (2 marks)
- (b) Explain two ways in which English can have stigma in Kenya. (4 marks)
- (c) Define RP English and explain any two variations in it. (5 marks)
- (d) List any five steps that are necessary in language standardization. (5 marks)
- (e) Explain any four factors that influence language variation. (8 marks)
2. Discuss any five features of East African (nascent Kenyan) English. (20 marks)
3. Using two examples from each category, explain any five ways in which Kenyan English varies from EngEng. (20 marks)
4. Discuss the causes of language variation. (20 marks)
5. Using real time examples, discuss how the notion of register would guide you to use the right variety of English. (20 marks)