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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 202: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Using one example of each, explain the difference between passive and active articulators. (5 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) /s/ (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)
2.
 - 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) /o/
 - ii) /e/
 - iii) /i/
 - iv) /a/

3. Using appropriate examples, discuss any FOUR processes of assimilation (20 marks)
4. With examples, discuss any FIVE characteristics of the Kenyan variety of English
(20 marks)
5. Explain how any FIVE topics that you have studied in Phonology of English are helpful to you in your teaching of language. (20 marks)