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DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR
DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 0203: ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND SOUND SYSTEM

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define 'word' and give **two** examples of words (3 marks)
- b) With appropriate examples discuss four ways of word formation. (12 marks)
- c) Explain three types of affixes giving examples for each. (9 marks)
- d) Transcribe the following words phonetically. (6 marks)
 - i) Man
 - ii) Bird
 - iii) Shop
 - iv) Cat
 - v) Top
 - vi) Pen

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following using appropriate examples.
 - (i) Derivational morpheme (5 marks)
 - (ii) Inflectional morpheme (5 marks)
- b) Distinguish between British and American English in terms of spellings and vocabulary (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Explain five ways of forming compound words in English giving specific examples.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain four causes of language change giving examples for each. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss the following varieties of English giving specific examples. (12marks)
- i) Social variety
 - ii) Geographical variety

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe each of the following types of language change citing specific examples.

- i) Semantic change
- ii) Lexical change