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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

AEN 0203 ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND SOUND SYSTEMS

SUPPLEMENTARY MARCH 2021

Answer question one and any other two questions

1 (a) Define the following terms:

- (i) self explaining compound (2 marks)
- (ii) Onomatopoeia (2 marks)
- (iii) infix (2 marks)
- (iv) derivational morphemes (2 marks)
- (v) stem (3 marks)

(b) Using two examples, explain the concept of free morphemes (1 marks)

(c) Outline any four factors that influence register (8marks).

(d) Differentiate between:

- (i) standard and non-standard English (4 marks)
- (ii) phonetic and phonemic transcription (4 marks)
- (iii) morph and allomorph (2 marks)

2(a) Explain any two ways in which Kenyan English differs from SE. (8 MARKS)

(b) Explain why it is easier to use written Standard English than spoken Standard English. (2 MARKS)

(C) Outline, with one example of each, any five characteristics of Kenyan English (10 marks)

3(a) Explain any four causes of language change. (12 marks)

(b) Discuss any four types of changes that a language can undergo(8 marks)

4. Explain, using examples, any five different ways in which the language that you speak can extend its vocabulary. (20 marks)

5. Discuss how any five topics that you have studied in this unit will be useful to you as a teacher of language. (20 marks)