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**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**AEN 401: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH**

**DATE: 12/8/2021**

**TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

With the help of suitable examples, explain the differences between the British Standard English and the General American English under the following levels.

- a) Lexical
- b) Phonological
- c) Syntactic

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Among the World Englishes are standard varieties. Explain the process of standardization these varieties underwent to attain their status.

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

One way of describing varieties of English is by analyzing registers. Discuss this assertion with relevant examples.

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Kenyan English is emerging as a distinct variety of English. Basing your answer on grammatical and phonological features, demonstrate how this is the case.

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss any five sources of language variation clearly indicating how they explain the emergence either Jamaican English or New Zealand English.