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THIRD SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
AEN 202: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

DATE: Friday 21st July, 2017

TIME: 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Question One

- (a) Distinguish between: (6 marks)
- (i) Phonetics and Phonology
 - (ii) Open and Closed syllable
 - (iii) Tense and Lax sounds
- (b) Give a phonemic transcription of the following words (10 marks)
- (i) Choir
 - (ii) Philosophy
 - (iii) Enough
 - (iv) Ease
 - (v) sudden
- (c) for each description below, give an example of a sound that fits this description (5 marks)
- (i) voiced alveolar fricative
 - (ii) voiceless velar plosive
 - (iii) palatal glide
 - (iv) high front unrounded vowel
 - (v) central back rounded vowel
- (d) "Allophones are different realizations of a phoneme". Use three examples to justify this statement. (9 marks)

Question Two

- (a) Explain the four basic functions of intonation (10 marks)
- (b) Describe the structure of the English syllable (10 marks)

Question Three

Discuss any five assimilatory processes in English (20 marks)

Question Four

“Non-assimilatory processes lead to sound change in connected speech”. Discuss (20 marks)

Question Five

- (a) Explain the phonological features of “World Englishes” (10 marks)
- (b) Kenyans generally do not speak the PR but instead they speak an “educated Kenyan variety of English”. Describe the phonological features of this variety (10 marks)