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 ii) Incidental/Casual variation
 e) "Lexical variation is more of incidental than systematic variation"
 Discuss. (16 marks)
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 chosen as a standard language undergoes. (20 marks)
3. Compare and contrast Standard British English with Kenyan English at the
 following levels. (20 marks)
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 iii) Contextual factors
5. a) Distinguish idiolect, dialect and accent. (10 marks)
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