



# KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

## SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

**AEN 401: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH**

DATE: Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

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### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions. Use as many examples as possible to illustrate each of your answers.

1. Explain the following, using appropriate examples.
  - a) Received Pronunciation (RP)
  - b) Dialect
  - c) Style
  - d) Register
  - e) Dialect levelling

(30 marks)
  
2.
  - a) What is a pidgin, and how does it differ from a Creole? (10 marks)
  - b) Discuss the two main hypotheses that are used to explain both the emergence and similarities found between different Creoles of the world. (10 marks)
  
3.
  - a) Describe Kachru's Circle of Expansion of English, and discuss the domains of use of English in each of those circles. (14 marks)
  - b) In which circle do the countries of Turkey and Mexico fit? Provide your reasons for your answer. (6 marks)

4. a) Contrast US General American English, and Standard British English. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the variation found within each dialect zone. (10 marks)
5. a) Discuss at least two reasons why gender differences exist in language. (10 marks)
- b) Explain why women are considered “promoters of linguistic change.” (10 marks)