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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KEN 2201 ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF ENGLISH

Date: 9th August 2024
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the **three** distinctive periods in the origin and development of English. [6 marks]
- b) Distinguish between comparative and historical linguistics. [4 marks]
- c) State **six** factors that account for the prominence of English as an international *lingua franca*. [6 marks]
- d) Identify **four** fundamental differences between British Standard English (BrE) and American Standard English. [4 marks]
- e) Outline **five** significant foreign influences that greatly contributed to the development of English from the old historical period up to the Middle Ages. [5 marks]
- f) State **five** distinctive features of Old English. [5 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **three** causes of language change. [6 marks]
- b) Describe **four** types of linguistic changes that have taken place in the history of English language. [8 marks]
- c) Discuss **three** roles of English in the Competence Based Curriculum in Kenya. [6 marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the origin and history of English in Kenya. [8 marks]
- b) Outline **six** grammatical characteristics of Kenyan English. [6 marks]
- c) Explain **six** roles of English as an official language in Kenya. [6 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) With appropriate examples, describe **four** types of Language Families. [8 marks]
- b) Explain **three** reasons for the use of English among the commonwealth countries. [6 marks]
- c) Highlight **three** unique characteristics of English in India. [6 marks]

QUESTION FIVE(20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the chronology of education commissions in Kenya and show how they have affected the policy of English use and practice in Kenya. [8 marks]
- b) Describe **three** effects of the English language in education. [6 marks]
- c) Examine **three** ways in which politics has affected English in Kenya [6 marks]