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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

(ARTS)

Date: 11th December, 2020
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

KEN 2205 – PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the terms phonetics and phonology as used in linguistics. (4 Marks)
- b) Give the appropriate description for each of the following consonant phonetic symbols.
- i) [ŋ]
 - ii) [w]
 - iii) [l] (6 Marks)
- c) Give the appropriate phonetic symbol for each of the following consonant descriptions
- i) Voiced dental nasal stop
 - ii) Voiced palatal approximant
 - iii) Voiceless palato-alveolar fricative (6 Marks)
- d) Discuss the five suprasegmental features in English language. (10 Marks)
- e) Define the following terminologies
- i) Pitch
 - ii) Intonation
 - iii) Stress
 - iv) Sounds (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Give the appropriate description for each of the following phonetic symbols for RP Vowels, using cardinal vowels as reference points wherever possible
- i) [ʊ] (4 Marks)
 - ii) [ɪ]
 - iii) [ɜ:]
 - iv) [a:]
- b) Describe the appropriate phonetic symbol for each of the following descriptions of RP Vowels
- i) The long, low, back, unrounded vowel
 - ii) The long, high, front, unrounded vowel
 - iii) The short, low-mid, back, rounded vowel (6 Marks)
- c) Transcribe the following words
Colour, Jig, Jar, Charm, gas, does, had, he, me, chair (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe with examples the following terminologies in linguistics.
- i) Synonymy and antonymy
 - ii) Prefixes
 - iii) Minimal pairs
 - iv) Articulation (10 Marks)
- b) How are the following sounds produced?
- i) Stops
 - ii) Fricatives
 - iii) Laterals
 - iv) Glottals
 - v) Nasals (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Using examples, describe the relation between stress and meaning in English Sentences . (4 Marks)
- b) What is meant by the term linguistics as the “scientific study of language”? (4 Marks)
- c) Why is descriptive linguistics more scientific than prescriptive linguistics. (12 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) What is a phoneme? (2 Marks)
- b) Describe three features of consonantal sounds. (6 Marks)
- c) Describe the process in the production of the following sounds
- i) A voiced velar plosive
 - ii) A close front rounded vowel
 - iii) A bilabial nasal
 - iv) An open back unrounded vowel
 - v) A voiced dental fricative (12 Marks)