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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KEN 2406: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Time: 2:30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following concepts as used in varieties of English.
- i. Dialect. (2 Marks)
  - ii. Standard language. (2 Marks)
  - iii. Topolect. (2 Marks)
  - iv. Pronunciation. (2 Marks)
- b) Describe any **four** steps that are necessary in language standardization. (8 Marks)
- c) Explain any **four** factors that influence language variation. (8 Marks)
- d) Describe any **three** different levels that determine varieties of a language (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between Pidgins and Creoles. (10 Marks)
- b) Describe five common features of Pidgins. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate standard English giving, its features and characteristics. (10 Marks)
- b) Compare Standard British English and General American English at the following levels: (10 Marks)
- i. Phonological. (3 Marks)
  - ii. Lexical. (3 Marks)
  - iii. Morpho-syntactic. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe **five** functions of English in the world. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain **five** common grammatical features of Kenyan English. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine Kachru's approach in classifying World Englishes. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the differences between Kachru's (1985) and Kandiah's (1998) models of classifying world Englishes. (10 Marks)