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DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING

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

AEN 401: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: Wednesday 29th April, 2015

TIME: 11.00 a.m – 1.00 p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions*

1. (a) Explain the role of the following in the variation of the English language;
 - i) Ethnicity
 - ii) Sex
 - iii) Age(15 marks)
(b) Distinguish between INNER CIRCLE, OUTER CIRCLE and EXPANDING CIRCLE varieties of English. Illustrate with suitable examples. (15 marks)
 2. (a) With an example for each describe **three** major features of general American English at
 - i) The phonological level (6 marks)
 - ii) Lexical/Vocabulary level (6 marks)
 - iii) Grammatical level (6 marks)
(b) Define a standard language. (2 marks)
 3. Compare British English with either
 - a) West African English or
 - b) East African English(20 marks)
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4. Discuss the following aspects of English accent:
- a) Phonetic realization (5 marks)
 - b) Phonetic distribution (5 marks)
 - c) Phonetic systems (5 marks)
 - d) Lexical distribution (5 marks)
5. Describe **five** variety classes of the English language and show how varieties within each class relate with those in other classes. (20 marks)