



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS MAY-AUGUST 2023 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENGL 202

COURSE TITLE: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: 02 AUGUST 2023

TIME: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: *All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question One

- a) Standard English developed in the middle English period in London.
- i. List the four dialects involved. **[4 Marks]**
 - ii. Give reasons why RP developed in London **[10 Marks]**
- b) Compare and contrast British and American English. **[16 Marks]**
- c) Using appropriate examples briefly discuss the variety of English spoken by ladies in Greta University **[10 Marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) What are the advantages of the RP to you as a teacher of English? **[8 Marks]**
- b) Using the English spoken by students in Greta, explain the features of non-standard English. **[12 Marks]**

Question three

Using your L1 as a point of reference discuss the factors that are responsible for the variation in your L1 **[20 Marks]**

Question Four

- a) Briefly explain the notion *language interference*. Provide appropriate illustrations from your L1 **[8 Marks]**
- b) Distinguish between the following pairs of concepts:
- i. **Accent and dialect.** **[4 Marks]**
 - ii. **Pidgin and creole** **[4 Marks]**
 - iii. **Standard and non-standard English** **[4 Marks]**

Question Five

- a) Explain the factors that may lead to development of pidgins. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Explain the life cycle of a pidgin. **[10 Marks]**

Question Six

Discuss Braj Kachru's *Model of World Englishes*. **[20 Marks]**