



GRE TSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY-APRIL 2025 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENGL 202

COURSE TITLE: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: APRIL 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **TWO** 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) Define the following words and phrases as used in this unit. **[5 Marks]**
- i. Dialect
 - ii. Style
 - iii. Register
 - iv. Variation
 - v. Lexical variation
- b) Illustrate the four stages of language standardization. **[8 Marks]**
- c) Distinguish between accent and idiolect, giving an example in each case. **[4 Marks]**
- d) Examine the characteristics of pidgins. **[8 Marks]**
- e) Assess any five functions of the English as a language. **[5 Marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Kenyan English has distinct grammatical, lexical, semantic and phonological features. Justify this statement, giving examples in each case. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Identify any ten words that differ in spellings between American English and British English. **[10 Marks]**

Question three

- a) Discuss any five social factors that lead to language variation, giving an example in each case. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Evaluate the features of women language. **[10 Marks]**

Question Four

- a) Explain any five factors that led to the spread of the English language in both common and non-common wealth countries. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Analyse English as a native, second, foreign and international language. **[10 Marks]**

Question Five

- a) Evaluate any five causes of variation in the English language. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Discuss the factors that have led to the growth of sheng' in Kenya. **[10 Marks]**