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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

MAIN EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND
MASS COMMUNICATION**

COURSE CODE: JMC 216

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

DATE: 22ND DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 2.00 -4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- (a) Provide three differences between phonetics and phonology. (6 marks)
- (b) Identify three speech sounds produced at the following places of articulation. (6 marks)
- (i) alveolar ridge (ii) post-alveolar (iii) velum
- (c) For each of the following speech sounds, state whether they are voiced or voiceless. (6 marks)
- (i) /j/ (ii) /h/ (iii) /ð/ (iv) /ʒ/
- (d) Explain three usefulness of the study of English stress system to you as a journalist. (6 marks)
- (e) Provide a broad and narrow transcription of the following English words: (6 marks)
- (i) try (ii) sixth (iii) loop

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Study the following sentence then answer the questions that follow;

The supreme court delivered a ruling that shocked Kenyans and everyone who cares about this country

- (i) Identify all the consonants in the sentence after transcribing it entirely. (6 marks)
- (ii) Classify all the consonants into two classes of fricatives and sonorants. (8 marks)
- (iii) Identify all the monophthong vowels in the sentence above. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain six usefulness of the IPA consonant chart to a student of Journalism. (12 marks)
- (b) Explain how these English consonants are produced based on their four parameters. (8 marks)
- (i) /r/ (ii) /w/ (iii) /k/ (iv) /f/

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) State three reasons why you should understand the difference between a phoneme, phone and allophone as a practicing journalist or communications officer. (6 marks)
- (b) Write down English words that have the following types of syllables: (9 marks)
- (i) four syllables (ii) two heavy syllables (iii) three open syllables
- (d) Draw the syllable structure of the word 'manhood'. (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the four functions of intonation and why they are important to you as a journalist. (8 marks)
- (b) What are four benefits of understanding assimilation and dissimilation during media interviews? (6 marks)
- (c) As a news anchor, state three reasons why you must know the parameters of vowel production? (6 marks)