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**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(HOMA-BAY CAMPUS)

AEN 201: INTRODUCTORY ENGLISH PHONETICS

Date: 26th July 2014

Time: 2.00 –4.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



Q1. a) Define phonetics and describe the three branches of phonetics (10 marks).

b) Explain the difference between egressive and ingressive pulmonic airstream mechanisms as used in sound production (6 marks).

c) Describe the activities that lead to voicing in the production of speech sounds (4 marks)

d) Explain the basic parameters of English vowel sound production (10 marks).

Q2. By providing examples from the English language, explain:

- Consonants/vowels
- Nasals/orals
- Phonemes/allophones
- Sonorants/obstruents
- Plosives/fricatives

(20 marks)

Q3. a) What is the phonological difference between the English vowels and semi vowels? (6 marks)

- Describe the production of liquids (6 marks)
- Identify any four manner features associated with each of the following English phonemes;
 - /n/
 - /p/

(8 marks)

Q4. Production of consonants involves five parameters. Explain those parameters while giving appropriate examples from English language. (20 marks)

Q5. By providing examples, explain the meaning of co-articulation and its effects (20 marks)