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## University Examinations 2022/2023

THIRD YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

### EEL 3300: VARIETIES OF ENGLISH

DATE: AUGUST 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Distinguish between written and spoken variety (5 marks)
- b. Identify five differences in spelling between American and British English (5 marks)
- c. Identify five factors that led to persistence of sheng' in Kenya despite it lacking stable speakers (5 marks)
- d. Differentiate between a pidgin and creole (5 marks)
- e. Differentiate the following terms:
  - (i) Variety and dialect (2 marks)
  - (ii) Standard language and native language (2 marks)
  - (iii) Lingua franca and received pronunciation (2 marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Discuss how Britain colonisation has affected Kenyan Standard Language (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the characteristics of West African pidgin (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Discuss how technology and social media has affected the use of English orthographically and in vocabulary (10 marks)
- b. Explain five grammatical characteristics of Australian English (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a. Explain the differences in vocabulary that exist between American English and British English (10 marks)
- b. Discuss how politeness is portrayed in Indian variety (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Discuss the factors that led to different varieties of English that exist in the world (10 marks)
- b. Explain the grammatical characteristics of south Asian English (10 marks)