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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)  
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UNIT CODE: BLA4118

UNIT TITLE: -ADVANCED STUDY OF  
STYLES AND REGISTER IN ENGLISH

DATE: DECEMBER 2014

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.

1. a) Explain the following terms;

i. Register.

(2 Marks)

ii. Three key areas of a register.

(6 Marks)

b) Use the following extract to answer the questions that follow:

In every stage of these Oppressions we have petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore,

acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free.

- i. What type of register is presented in the extract above? Explain. (6 Marks)
  - ii. Identify and explain two functions the above document could have been used for. (4 Marks)
  - iii. Analyse the main features eminent in this document. (12 Marks)
2. Using appropriate examples, distinguish between the following terms.
- i. Dialect and Register.
  - ii. Lexical and Grammatical variation.
  - iii. Status and contracts.
  - iv. Manifesto and Liturgy.
3. a) Give another name for standard English. (2 Marks)
- b) By use of examples explain non standard English use the following.
- i. Reflexive pronouns.
  - ii. Negation.
  - iii. Irregular verbs.
4. Using appropriate examples expound on the main features of broadcasting language. (20 Marks)
5. Using appropriate example expound on the main features of church language. (20 Marks)