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**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)**

AEN 305: ENGLISH PHONOLOGY

Date: 15th September, 2013

Time: 8.00 – 10.00am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.
- ◆ Question one carries 30 marks while the rest are 20 marks each.

1. A. Write the words that are broadly transcribed below:

- [ækwɒzʃən]
- [dɒsəpijəd]
- [mθɪlɪkəl]
- [dɒzneyʃən]
- [kɒnskwɒnz] (10 Mks)

B. Give the phonetic symbol for each of the following sounds:

- a. Voiced alveolar stop
- b. Mid back round tense vowel
- c. Velar nasal
- d. Front low tense unround vowel
- e. Voiceless dental stop (10 Mks)

C. Describe any 3 features that distinguish consonants from vowels. (10mks)

2. Drawing from English language and another language you are comfortable with distinguish a phoneme from an allophone

b. describe the phonetic differences between the allophones of the designated phoneme in the sets of words below

- a. /k/: kin, skin
- b. /E/: bet, Ben
- c. /e/: rate, raid (20Mks)

3. A. Transcribe the words in the table below and arrive at the aspiration rule in English

pill	spill
Till	still
kill	skill

(10Mks)

B Distinguish the clear /l/ and the dark/ l/ in English explaining their distribution (10 Mks)

4. What sounds are presented by the bolded letter(s) in the following words? Provide an allophonic (**narrow**) transcription.

mad, back, spill, cat, tang (20Mks)

5. Examine the rapid, natural pronunciation of <n> in the phrases below. Write each entire phrase phonemically. Then state a rule that accounts for the different pronunciations. What type of rule did you discover?

- a. In Bill's house
- b. In Ted's house
- c. In Greg's house (20 Mks)