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2018/2019 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

COURSE TITLE: THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

COURSE CODE: ENG 302

DATE: MAY/JUNE, 2019

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions only. Question 4 is compulsory.

1. With relevant examples, explain the concept of phonotactics in English. 15 marks

2. Transcribe the following sentences, using the weak and strong forms of words:
 - i. We can wait for the bus.
 - ii. We shall need to hurry.
 - iii. You must try harder.
 - iv. When does it arrive?
 - v. I want her to park the car over there.
 - vi. Most of them could dance.
 - vii. Of all the proposals, the one that you made is the silliest.
 - viii. Praise and Nkiruka could have driven them to and from the party. 15 marks

3. Explain the following aspects of phonological processes:
 - i. assimilation
 - ii. deletion
 - iii. coalescence
 - iv. insertion
 - v. dissimilation 15 marks

4. Using metrical phonology, analyse the following words:
 - i. favouritism
 - ii. artificial
 - iii. metricality 25 marks

5. How true is the notion that phonemes are in free variation, complimentary distribution and minimal pairs? 15 marks

6. Write short notes on any three of the following:

- i. Distinctive feature analysis
- ii. Autosegmental phonology
- iii. Feature Geometry
- iv. Metrical phonology
- v. Generative phonology

15 marks