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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

ENGL 821: PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

STREAMS: M.ED (ARTS) - PART/TIME

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 08/04/2025

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Answer any four question**
1. What practical problems could be encountered in phonemic analysis? (15 marks)
 2. a) Identify and discuss the three views of phonologists on the concept of the phoneme (5 marks)
b) Elaborate on any two phonological processes. (5 marks)
c) What is the interface between phoneme as an opposition and phoneme in complementary distribution? (5 marks)
 3. a) Discuss five phonological characteristics of Kenyan English using relevant examples. (10 marks)
b) With examples, identify phonological rules that generative phonology did not originally account for. (6 marks)
 4. Explain five constraints as suggested in the optimality theory (15 marks)
 5. i) Explain the airstream mechanism (7 marks)

ii) Write short notes on the following:

(8 marks)

- a) articulatory phonetics,
 - b) acoustic phonetics,
 - c) place of articulation
 - d) manner of speech production.
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