



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

..... YEARSEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) State and define any two areas of the brain where language faculty is located (4 marks)
- b) Define the following linguistic terms and give one example of each.
- i. A minimal pair (2 marks)
 - ii. synonymy (2 marks)
 - iii. passive articulator (2 marks)
- c) Using the tree areas concerned, describe the connection of speech in the brain. (6 marks)
- d) State any three things that phonological knowledge permits the speaker to do. (3 marks)
- e) Explain the relationship between language and psychology. (5 marks)
- f) Discuss the following linguistic terms.
- i. Phonology (2 marks)
 - ii. Descriptive linguistics (2 marks)
 - iii. sociolinguistics (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using examples, define the term language systems and discuss three language systems. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the concept of bound morphemes in the syntactic system of language. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the theory of evolution with regard to the origin of human language.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using two examples of each, analyze the four sentence sub types.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Sketch a chart showing the eight cardinal vowels and describe them, giving examples of each vowel.