



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AEN 100 INTRODUCTION TO STUDY OF LANGUAGE

Instructions

Question one is compulsory

1. a) Explain with 2 examples the following language properties
 - i. Displacement
 - ii. Quality (6 marks)
- b) Critically examine language and invention theory. (6 marks)
- c) State clearly the responsibility of these parts of brain and state what happens if the area is damaged to speech
 - i. Broca's area
 - ii. Wernice's area
 - iii. Supplementary motor area (6 marks)
- d) What does the concept of objectivity involve as scientific characteristics of a linguistic approach? Illustrate your answer. (4 marks)
- e) Define with examples the following components of language
 - i. Phonology
 - ii. Morphology
 - iii. Syntax

- iv. Semantics and pragmatics (8 marks)
- 2. a) Define language (2 marks)
- b) What does knowing a language entail? Discuss the above statement. (10 marks)
- c) Define artificial language gives an example why involvement of article language and what makes it not to succeed. (3 marks)
- Why is it not easy for some communities to speak official language? (4 marks)
- 3. With examples discuss and show application of language learning theories
 - i. Behaviourism theory
 - ii. Mentalist theory (20 marks)
- 4. a) Define a dialect (10 marks)
- b) In reference to your first language (mother tongue), discuss the dialects within your first language. (10 marks)
- 5. Describe and give illustrations the following terms in relation to their manner of articulation
 - i. Plosives
 - ii. Fricatives
 - iii. Trills
 - iv. Laterals
 - v. Nasals
 - vi. Affricates
 - vii. Frictionless constituents
 - viii. Semi-vowels (10 marks)