



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AEN 101 INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

Instructions

Answer Question one and any other two

1. a) Identify each noun occurring in the following extract according to its sub-class.

Remember that nouns may be classified in more than one sub- class

Most people on earth are aware that the natural environment is becoming polluted day by day. Heading the call of the environmental preservation team, a group of students from Machakos University College set out to go and plant trees along Makueni Road. This activity was lauded by Dean of student's, who thought this act reflected the commitment of the students to their environment. (10 marks)

- b) Form adjectives by giving one root for each of the following suffixes. From the adjectives formed, construct a sentence. (10 marks)

- c) State the functions of the underlined words in each of the following sentences (10 marks)

- i. She came home
- ii. Mary spanked the child
- iii. She called him a fool

iv. The students in the class are making noise

v. In the evening, he came home

2. a) With reference to the verbs phrase and the noun phrase explain how the following morphological categories are realized in English. (16 marks)

b) Describe the structure of a prepositional phrase. (4 marks)

3. a) fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the most appropriate interjection from the list in the brackets(wow, sh, good luck, help, hi)

i. _____ the show is about to begin.

ii. _____ the sink is overflowing.

iii. _____ I hope to see you at the finish line.

iv. _____ We just moved into the house upstairs.

v. _____ How did you manage to win the race.

b) group each of the words occurring in the following extract into the OPEN class or CLOSED class

“When Hildah Anyango was asked if she could contribute to the writing of a story, she quickly sent in a narrative about certain happenings which she considered the most unpleasant happening of her life.” (10 marks)

c) Construct a sentence of your own for each of the following sentence clause pattern and label the sentence parts with elements. (5 marks)

i. S-V-A

ii. S-V-O

iii. S-V-IO-O

iv. S-V-C

v. S-V-O-C-A

4. Divide each of the following words into its constituents affixes and free morpheme.

(10 marks)

i. Telephotographic

ii. Mismanagement

iii. Historically

iv. Unbelievable

v. impure

b) Construct sentences using the phrases below

(10 marks)

- i. NP VP NP NP
- ii. ADVP NP VP PP
- iii. NP VP NP
- iv. VP AD VP
- v. ADVP NP VP ADVP

5. With Examples From English Language Show What You Understand By:

- i. Gradable Adjectives
- ii. Understood Subject
- iii. Subjunctive Mood
- iv. Prepositional Phrase

(20 marks)