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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
AEN 203: MORPHOLOGY, SYNTAX & SEMANTICS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE, one question in Section B and one question in Section C

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify and classify the phrases in the following sentences. (4 marks)
- i. Horticultural farming earns Kenya foreign exchange
 - ii. The participants were pleased by the presentation today
- b) Illustrate one strength and one weakness of the Immediate Constituent Analysis. (6 marks)
- c) Use 'Immediate Constituent Analysis' to analyse the following sentences, removing ambiguity where necessary. (20 marks)
- i. The man kept the money under the carpet.
 - ii. The ship arrived last week.
 - iii. The girl borrowed the book in the library.
 - iv. The boy next to her is my nephew
 - v. The hardworking student from Lodwar performed quite well.
 - vi. The mother appeared excited

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Use examples of words to discuss grammatical categories marked by inflectional morphemes

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Identify and explain the word formation process involved in the formation of the following words. Give two English examples for each of the word formation processes you have identified.

- a) Bra
- b) smog
- c) hotdog
- d) emote
- e) radar

SECTION C

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using examples, define the following terms:

- a) Hyponyms
- b) Antonyms
- c) Synonyms
- d) Homonyms
- e) Polysemy

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Identify and define the sense relation that holds between the following words. Give another English example to illustrate the sense relation you have identified.

- a) Bank (financial institution) and bank (riverside)
- b) Affix, prefix, suffix and circumfix
- c) sun and son
- d) head (body part) and head (of a company)
- e) present and absent