



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

MAY-AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 502: THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS

DATE:27/8/2021

TIME: 9.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate how the following theories account for analysis of language

- a) Structuralism theory
- b) Prototype theory
- c) Transformational Generative Grammar
- d) Community of Practice

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the tenets of the cognitive metaphor theory and show how its relevance in semantics.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Provide any outline of a linguistic translation theory, clearly showing how it may be applied to the translation of a literary text.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Outline the optimality theory and state its role in the study of phonology.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

In what ways does the speech accommodation theory account for language use in contact situations?