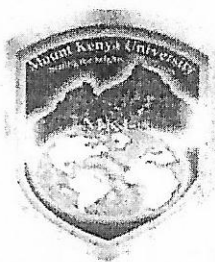


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UNIT CODE: BLA4115

UNIT TITLE: ADVANCED
THEORETICAL STUDIES

DATE: DECEMBER 2015

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

1. a) Explain the contribution of the following linguists in the study of grammar.
 - i) Plato
 - ii) Aristotle
 - iii) Leonard bloomfield
 - iv) Ferdinand de Saussure.

(12 Marks)
- b) Provide an ICA representation of the sentence, "the angry teacher in a red shirt wants the students to leave."

(6 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain the three malfunctions of language.

(6 Marks)
- d) Distinguish between inflectional and derivational morphemes.

(6 Marks)
2. a) State the weaknesses of phrase structure grammar.

(10 Marks)
- b) Using the sentences "the doctor may have been treating the patient at home" explain using phrase markers the passive transformation.

(10 Marks)

3. a) Distinguish between the concepts of surface and deep structures of a sentences. (6 Marks)

b) Use phrase markers to explain the transformers in the sentences.

i) Where did you leave the children. (7 Marks)

ii) The students did not complain about his ling absence from class. (7 Marks)

4. a) Explain the following word formation processes:

i) Conversion

ii) Back formation

iii) Clipping

iv) Blending. (20 Marks)

5. a) Identify the theme and rheine in the sentence below.

i) The party leader, a true democrat is respected by many

ii) In the dark the dog chased the boy. (10 Marks)

b) Using the concept of a clause as an exchange analyze the sentences below:

i) The clerk had been signing the forms in the office

ii) What were you doing in the office. (10 Marks)