KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 100 : INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: Monday 8th December 2014

TIME: 2.00p.m – 4.00p.m

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INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

**Question One( 30 marks)**

a ) Name and explain the meaning/lexical relations in the following pairs of words.

1. Knife and spoon (12marks)
2. Pear and pair
3. Big and small
4. Child and kid

b ) With an example of each, distinguish the following concepts in Morphology

1. Morpheme (9marks)
2. Morph
3. Allomorph

c ) Using an appropriate example of each, describe simple, compound and complex sentences

(9marks)

**Question two (20 marks)**

Describe five properties of human language. Give appropriate examples.

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**Question three (20 marks)**

a ) Using two examples, explain what you understand by the term “artificial language” (8marks)

b ) Discuss “sign language” clearly showing why it is considered a natural human language. (12marks)

**Question four (20 marks)**

a ) Draw and label the primary cardinal vowel chart (11marks)

b ) With an example of each, describe the following:

1. Place ft articulation (3marks)
2. Manner of articulation (3marks)
3. Active articulator (3marks)

**Question five (20 marks)**

Discuss the following theories of the origin of human language highlighting their strengths and weaknesses

(i) Divine origin theory (10marks)

(ii) Evolution theory (10marks)

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