



A Constituent College of Kenyatta University

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013 ACADEMIC YEAR
1ST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS

COURSE CODE/TITLE:AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO STUDY OF
LANGUAGE

END OF SEMESTER:I

DURATION: 3 HOURS

DAY/TIME:WEDNESDAY:9.00 A.M.TO 12.00 NOON DATE:5/12/2012 (NL9)

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

Question One

- a) Discuss five characteristics unique to human language. (15 marks)
- b) Explain the following language disorders: (7 marks)
 - i) Wernicke's aphasia
 - ii) Spoonerism
- c) With the aid of suitable examples, distinguish between:
 - i) Passive and active articulators
 - ii) Voiced and voiceless sounds. (8 marks)

Question Two

- a) 'Linguistics is scientific.' Discuss. (12 marks)
- b) Identify the four differences between human language and animals languages. (8 marks)

Question Three

Explain how the following views have explored the question of language origin.

- a) Evolution theory
- b) Genesis theory (20 marks)

Question Four

- a) With two examples of each, describe the following terms:
 - i) Coherence
 - ii) Synonymy
 - iii) Cohesion
 - iv) Hyponymy (12 marks)
- b) With appropriate examples, explain four types of sentences based on grammatical function (8 marks)

Question Five

- a) How does linguistics relate to:
 - i) Sociology
 - ii) Psychology (12 marks)
- b) With appropriate examples, explain the difference between prescriptive and descriptive linguistics. (8 marks)