



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

TRIMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

SCHOOL BASED

CLL 604: COMPARATIVE AND HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2018

TIME: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY Other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the relationship between comparative and historical linguistics. (6 marks)
- b) What is comparative reconstruction? How does it differ from internal reconstruction? (6 marks)
- c) Distinguish between phonemic and non-phonemic transcription (6 marks)
- d) Examine the term 'language families' (6 marks)
- e) Explain the terms blending and backformation (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss Four reasons why languages change. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the trend of borrowing with regard to the English language (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the concept of linguistic reconstruction as used in comparative linguistics (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Examine any ONE model of linguistic change and give relevant illustrations. (20 marks)

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