



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER
EXAMINATION**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

COURSE CODE: LAC 2106

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH PHONETICS

DATE:

TIME: 8.30AM – 10.30AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Question One is Compulsory**
- **Answer Any Other TWO**

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1. a) Fully describe the following speech sounds:

a. /b/

b. /p/

c. /f/

d. /v/

e. /ʃ/

f. /s/

(14 marks)

b) Explain the following concepts in phonetics

i) Distinctive features

ii) Complementary distribution. (8 marks)

2. a) Explain the parameters used in describing consonant sounds in English. (10 marks)

b) Transcribe the following words

i) Tanks

ii) True

iii) Judge

iv) Measure

(5 marks)

3. a) Explain the following terms as used in phonetics:

i) Active articulators

ii) Egressive

iii) Allophones

(10 marks)

b) Phonetically transcribe the following words:

i) Quay

ii) sword

iii) Poor

iv) shower

(5 marks)

- 4. With examples from English language, explain the difference between the following pairs of concepts:**
- a. Consonants and Vowels**
 - b. Nasals and orals**
 - c. Round and spread**
 - d. Front and back**
 - e. Monophthongs and diphthongs (15 marks)**
- 5. a) Explain the following vowels in English using examples:**
- a. Rounded vowels**
 - b. Spread vowels**
 - c. Back vowels**
 - d. Front vowels (10 marks)**
- b) Provide the phonetic symbol and description for the first and last sounds of the following words:**
- i) sword**
 - ii) text**
 - iii) tired (5 marks)**