



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR  
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

**COURSE CODE: LAC 2214**

**COURSE TITLE: THE STRUCTURE OF  
MODERN ENGLISH PHRASE**

**DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

**TIME: 1430 – 1630 HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory**

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1. a) All the fourteen nuns in the convent summoned to the office and it was found out that three quarters of them were pregnant.

i) Identify and classify the types of determiners in the sentence.

**(12 marks)**

II) Explain the concept of determiners in the English language.

**(10marks)**

b) Describe the syntactic functions of the adjectives in the following sentences.

i) The bold girl is here.

**(4 marks)**

ii) Tom is handsome.

**(4 marks)**

2. Using examples, explain the concepts 'Tense' and 'mood' in the English Verb phrase.

**(20 marks)**

3. Using examples, explain the concepts 'Case' and 'Gender' in the English Noun phrase.

**(20 marks)**

4. Explain the use of adverbs as Conjuncts and Disjuncts **(20 marks)**

5. a) Draw tree diagrams to represent the sentences below. **(10 marks)**

i) The dog barked

ii) The beautiful girl sang

iii) The dog barked loudly

b) Explain the following concepts as used in phrase structure grammar

**(10 marks)**

i) Mother node

ii) Sister node

iii) Immediate constituent

iv) Daughter node

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