



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

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

**B.A LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION (CORPORATE
COMMUNICATION OPTION)**

COURSE CODE: LAC 1107-1

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

DATE: 7TH DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 1100-1300

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

QUESTION ONE

- a) 'Linguistics is a science'. Explain. (5 marks)
- b) Distinguish the following pairs of words: (6 marks)
- i. Phonetics and phonology
 - ii. Diachronic and synchronic linguistics
 - iii. Paradigmatic and syntagmatic relations
- c) Briefly discuss the relationship between linguistics and the following disciplines: (6 marks)
- i. Sociology
 - ii. Psychology
- d) Briefly describe the three areas in which phonetics is concerned with. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Briefly explain what constitutes the difference between semantics and pragmatics. (4 marks)
- b) Identify the morphemes in the following words and classify them according to types: (5 marks)
- i. Largest
 - ii. Unsatisfactory
 - iii. Objectives
 - iv. Anti-establishments
- c) Describe the following sounds in terms of voice, place and manner of articulation: (6 marks)

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QUESTION THREE

Discuss the views held by of each of the following schools of Linguistics. (15 marks)

- i. Structuralism
- ii. Functionalism
- iii. Generativism

QUESTION FOUR

Language is in the mind. Explain this assertion basing your arguments on the nativist notion of language. (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Describe the various levels of linguistics that form the basis of any language. (15mks)

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