



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

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AEN 100 INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

TIME.....

DATE.....

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

1 (a) Give three reasons that make linguistic studies scientific (9marks).

1(b) Explain the difference between the following concepts:

- (i) Semantics and Pragmatics ( 4 marks)
- (ii) Phonology and Phonetics( 4 marks)

(c) Explain cultural transmission and displacement as properties of human language ( 6 marks)

(d) Give any two differences between consonant and vowel sounds ( 8 marks)

2. (a) Discuss the Evolution Theory of language ( 10 marks)

(b) Explain two features that make human languages universal ( 6 marks)

(c) Using two examples, state the concern of phonology ( 4 marks)

3. Discuss the usefulness of phonetics ( 20 marks)

4. Define a sentence and, using examples of each, discuss any four types of sentences ( 20 marks)

5. Using five examples, explain how the knowledge that you have learnt in this unit is helpful to you as a teacher of language ( 20 marks)

