



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)

University Examinations for 2013/2014

SCHOOL OF humanities

DEPARTMENT OF language and linguistics

EXAMINATION FOR

AEN 102: THE USE OF ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Question one compulsory

1. a) Outline three aspects of the listening process and explain what each of them entails. (6 marks)
- b) Describe three characteristics of a good speaker. (6 marks)
- c) Write a speech of about 5000 words that you would deliver to one of the following:-
 - i. A group of tea or coffee farmers on the importance of forming a cooperative union
 - ii. A congregation at a wedding
 - iii. Mourners at a funeral of a beloved friend
 - iv. Students about to graduate from a college (18 marks)
2. a) Distinguish between patterns of discussion. (6 marks)
- b) List and explain the 3 primary functions of writing. (6 marks)
- c) Explain how poetry differs from other forms of writing. (8 marks)
3. a) Describe 3 weaknesses which the writer of a prose should avoid. Give appropriate examples of each. (6 marks)
- b) Describe using specific examples, the 3 rules for proper spelling. (6 marks)

- c) Compare and contrast narrative and descriptive essays. (8 marks)
4. a) As a manager of your company, some of furniture you received from a supplier is defective. Write a letter to the supplier to complain over the matter. (12 marks)
- b) Explain ways how reading problems can be overcome. (8 marks)