



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

SCHOOL BASED PROGRAM

AEN 400: ADVANCED THEORETICAL STUDIES IN GRAMMAR

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions
- (ii) Do not write on the question paper

Question One (Compulsory)

- a. Explain the five major differences relating to the concerns of Formal Grammar and Functional Grammar (10 Marks)
 - b. State any FIVE weaknesses associated with Immediate Constituent Analysis (10 Marks)
 - c. Use Phrase structure Trees to disambiguate the sentence “ He rewarded the top boys and girls” (10 Marks)
2. Use the sentence “**The suspect might have been picked by the police yesterday**” to demonstrate the following concepts in Transformational Generative Grammar
- a. Structural Description (5 Marks)
 - b. Structural Change (5 Marks)
 - c. Affix hopping transformation (5 Marks)
 - d. Passive transformation (5 Marks)
3. Draw an X-Bar tree diagram for the phrase “the young man from Makueni” then use the structure to explain the following terms (20 Marks)
- a. Maximal Projection
 - b. Specifier
 - c. x-bar constituent
 - d. Adjunct
4. With examples, explain how Theta Theory connects syntax and semantics by assignment of Theta roles (20 Marks)
5. Explain the three metafunctions of language according to Functionalists (20 Marks)

