



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

**AEN 400: ADVANCED THEORETICAL STUDIES IN GRAMMAR**

**DATE: 1/9/2022**

**TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Draw phrase markers for the sentences below to remove ambiguity.
- i. He followed the man with a gun. (3 marks)
  - ii. The small boys and girls opened the door. (3 marks)
- b) Provide re-write rules for the sentences below. (5 marks)
- i. The fat cow might have been slaughtered yesterday.
  - ii. The ten girls were driven outside yesterday evening.
  - iii. You must actually grow up'
- c) Distinguish between the following concepts. Illustrate your answer. (9 marks)
- i. Clipping and blending
  - ii. Signifier and signified
  - iii. Deep and surface structure
- d) Differentiate between formal and functional grammar (4 marks)
- e) Explain the functions of language according to Halliday (6 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Using the sentence, The arrogant policeman may have been molesting the suspect

Derive the following transformations.

- a) Negative
- b) Yes/no interrogative
- c) Passive sentences
- d) Wh- interrogative

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Clarify and exemplify the following claims of the X-bar theoretical framework.

- a) All phrases have heads and possibly, specifiers and complements
- b) X double bar is the maximal projection of X
- c) A specifier and complement are functional elements
- d) A phrase is identified by the lexical category of its head
- e) Phrases have an intermediate category.

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Analyse these sentences in the perspective of.

- a) Clause as message
- b) Clause as exchange
- c) Clause as representation
  - i. From house to house children were immunized.
  - ii. Did the prisoners escape last night?
  - iii. Jenifer gave James a lovely flower.
  - iv. The class wrote their notes carefully in their note books
  - v. The student have been working very hard for the last one month

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the concept of generative morphology (4 marks)
- b) Discuss 4 differences between inflectional and derivational morphology (8 marks)
- c) Define the term 'word' using any four perspectives (8 marks)