



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 407: LINGUISTIC TYPOLOGY AND LANGUAGE CLASSIFICATION

DATE: 2/5/2019

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 (Compulsory) and any other two questions.

1. With the help of well analysed examples, explain how languages differ along the following parameters:
 - i) Phonetically
 - ii) Phonologically
 - iii) Lexically
 - iv) Morphologically
 - v) Syntactically
 - vi) Semantically (30 marks)
2. “Linguistic typology studies and classifies languages according to their structural and functional features.” Discuss. (20 marks)
3. Using appropriate illustrations, describe how English and Kiswahili languages mark:
 - i) Number
 - ii) Tense (20 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the word order between English and your Mother-tongue in marking the following types of clauses.
- i) Declarative
 - ii) Interrogative
 - iii) Imperative
 - iv) Exclamative (20 marks)
5. Outline the wave theory and clearly show how it accounts for language typology. (20 marks)