



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: 26/9/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1.
 - a) Explain with 2 examples the following language properties
 - i. Displacement
 - ii. Quality (6 marks)
 - b) Critically examine language and invention theory. (6 marks)
 - c) State clearly the responsibility of these parts of brain and state what happens if the area is damaged to speech
 - i. Broca's area
 - ii. Wernice's area
 - iii. Supplementary motor area (6 marks)
 - d) What does the concept of objectivity involve as scientific characteristics of a linguistic approach? Illustrate your answer. (4 marks)
 - e) Define with examples the following components of language i. Phonology ii. Morphology iii. Syntax 2 iv. Semantics and pragmatics (8 marks)
2. With examples discuss and show application of language learning theories
 - i. Behaviourism theory
 - ii. Mentalist theory (20 marks)

- 3 a) Define a dialect (10 marks) b) In reference to your first language (mother tongue), discuss the dialects within your first language. (10 marks)
4. Describe and give illustrations the following terms in relation to their manner of articulation
- a) Plosives
 - b) Fricatives
 - c) Trills
 - d) Laterals
 - e) Nasals
 - f) Affricates
 - g) Frictionless constituents
 - h) Semi-vowels
5. a) Define language (2 marks)
- b) What does knowing a language entail? Discuss the above statement. (10 marks)
- c) Define artificial language gives an example why involvement of article language and what makes it not to succeed. (3 marks)
- d) Why is it not easy for some communities to speak official language? (4 marks)