



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year**  
**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES**  
**MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS**  
**UNIT CODE AEN 501: THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS**

**DATE:15/12/2022**

**TIME: 2:00 – 5:00P.M**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.**

## **QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Demonstrate how the following theories account for analysis of language (20 Marks).

- i. Transformational Generative Grammar
- ii. Structuralism theory
- iii. Prototype theory
- iv. Community of Practice

## **QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Provide any outline of a functional theory, clearly showing how it may be applied to the analysis of a clause.

## **QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

In what ways does the speech accommodation theory account for language use in contact situations?

## **QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the tenets of the cognitive metaphor theory and show how its relevance in semantics.

**QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Outline the optimality theory and state its role in the study of phonology