



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

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

i. Plosives

ii. Fricatives

iii. Trills

iv. Laterals

v. Nasals

vi. Affricates

vii. Frictionless constituents

viii. 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 give an example why involvement of article language and what makes it not to succeed. (3 marks) Why is it not easy for some communities to speak official language? (4 marks)