



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES**

**AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS**

**AEN 902: ACQUISITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE**

**DATE: SCHOOL BASED**

**TIME:**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

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## **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Briefly explain the relationship between language and thought (10 marks)
- b) Briefly explain how you would achieve objectivity while writing an academic paper. (10 marks)
- c) What is hedging, and what role does it play in producing effective academic writing? (10 marks)

## **QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

What is epistemology and what is its role in linguistic research?

## **QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)**

With appropriate examples, discuss the four divisions of knowledge.

## **QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)**

Evaluate the relevance of any three sources of knowledge to a language researcher.

## **QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)**

What is pseudoscience and how does it differ with true science?