



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 407: LINGUISTIC TYPOLOGY AND LANGUAGE CLASSIFICATION

DATE: 6/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Discuss the following types of linguistic borrowing; (12 marks)
 - i) Phonemic borrowing
 - ii) Morphemic borrowing
 - iii) Syntactic borrowing
 - iv) Graphic borrowing
 - v) Borrowing of non-Verbal features.
 - b) Explain four functions of linguistic borrowing (8 marks)
 - c) With illustrations discuss the Kitamba's model taxonomy of linguistic borrowing. (10 marks)
2. One classification of linguistic is through meaningful elements (morphemes) which could be present in a word and the modification they might undergo. Discuss the three types of language under this classification. (20 marks)
 - a) Isolating analytic
 - b) Inflectional or synthetic
 - c) Agglutinative

3. Discuss the comparative method of classifying language genealogically. (20 marks)
4. List and explain the five families of African languages. Distinguish the structural linguistics characteristics in them. (20 marks)
5. The phenomenon of language borrowing has been looked at in two perspectives, diachronic and synchronic.
 - a) With relevant examples explain these two perspectives (20 marks)
 - b) Discuss the two types of borrowing. (10 marks)