



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2016/2017

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 100: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a. Define the term linguistics (1 mark)
 - b. List and explain five levels of linguistic studies. (10 marks)
 - c. Define any two types of aphasia (6 marks)
 - d. Define and illustrate the following concepts:
 - i. Free morphemes (4 marks)
 - ii. Voiced sounds (2 marks)
 - iii. Phoneme (2 marks)
 - iv. Minimal pair (3 marks)
 - v. homonymy (2 marks)
2.
 - a) Using examples, explain the relationship between Linguistics and any three disciplines. (10 marks)
 - b) Discuss the evolution theory of language. (10 marks)
3. Using two examples of each, describe any five places of articulation. (20 marks)
4.
 - a) Discuss any three characteristics that make linguistic studies scientific. (12 marks)
 - b) Explain any two parameters used to describe vowel sounds. (8 marks)
5. Evaluate the importance of AEN 100 (Introduction to the Study of Language) to you as a student of linguistics. (20 marks)