



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCES  
& CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LANGUAGE AND  
COMMUNICATION/BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
(ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: LAC 3105-1**

**COURSE TITLE: THE STRUCTURE OF MODERN  
ENGLISH CLAUSE**

**DATE: 15/12/2022**

**TIME: 8.30AM - 10.30AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Question One is Compulsory**
- **Answer Any Other TWO**

1. a) Analyze the following clauses using phrase structure rules and derive phrase structure trees from the rules.

i) Bill paid the bill. **(4 marks)**

ii) The cat covered the kittens with a cloth **(4 marks)**

iii) We are the bad boys **(4 marks)**

b) Using appropriate verbs, demonstrate the following relationships in clauses.

i) Transformation relationship **(4 marks)**

ii) Multiple class membership of verbs **(4 marks)**

2. a) Provide two examples of sentences for each of the following clause types.

i) SVO **(2 marks)**

ii) SVOA **(2 marks)**

iii) SVOC **(2 marks)**

iv) SV **(2 marks)**

v) SVA **(2 marks)**

b) Use transformational rules to capture the relationship between a declarative and a question. **(5 marks)**

3. Identify and analyze the modifiers in the following sentence:

**(15 marks)**

Poor John, who just wanted a quick meal to get through his three-hour examination, quickly dropped his fork on the cafeteria tray, gagging with disgust as a tarantula wiggled out of his chapatti dish, a sight requiring a year of therapy before he could eat beans again.

4. Using two examples, explain the structural patterning of sentences.

**(15 marks)**

5. Using examples, explain the following terms

i) Complement **(5 marks)**

ii) Object **(5 marks)**

iii) Clause **(5 marks)**

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