



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR  
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES.**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**

**COURSE CODE: : LIN 8103**

**COURSE TITLE: : SYNTAX**

**DATE: 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**TIME: 1430-1630**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

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1. Discuss the linguistic practices of traditional grammar  
(20 mks)
2. With specific examples explain the following concepts as used in syntax.
  - i) Surface Structure
  - ii) Deep structure
  - iii) Context sensitive grammar
  - iv) Subcategorization rules (20 mks)
3. Use Government and binding to explain the following concepts:
  - a. Case
  - b. Bounding (20 mks)
4. Discuss the any TWO tenets of functional grammar (20 mks)
5. Explain the principles of X-bar theory of syntax (20 mks)

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