



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCES
& CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS).**

**COURSE CODE: LAC 3214 - 1
COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH PHONOLOGY**

DATE: 21ST APRIL 2023

TIME: 0830 - 1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

This paper consists of 3 printed pages. Please turn over

Question ONE

a) With concrete examples briefly discuss each of the following phonological processes

- I. Assimilation (3 marks)
- II. Deletion (2 marks)
- III. Insertion (3 marks)
- IV. Dissimilation (2 marks)

b) What are suprasegmental features? Explain how the following suprasegmental features are used to differentiate meaning, tone, intonation and length. (10 marks)

Question TWO

Demonstrate the relationship between the following phonological items.

- I. Phone (4 marks)
- II. Phoneme (4 marks)
- III. Allophone (7 marks)

Question THREE

In classical phonology, the identification of phonemes was done using the following criteria. Briefly describe any three of the following criteria.

- I. Free variation (5 marks)
- II. Minimal Pairs (5 marks)
- III. Complementary distribution (5 marks)
- IV. Phonetic (5 marks)

Question FOUR

a) Account for the interface between phonology and phonetics (5marks)

b) Describe with clear examples each of the following major class distinctive features in phonology

- I. Sonorant (2 marks)
- II. Coronal (2 marks)
- III. Lateral (2 marks)
- IV. Consonantal (2 marks)
- V. Rounding (2 marks)

Question FIVE

a) Distinguish between Broad and Narrow transcription (5marks)

b) Discuss each of the following concepts as used in the analysis of phonological awareness

- I. Phonotactics (3 marks)
- II. Phonemes (3 marks)
- III. Dialects and accents (5 marks)

//END//