



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES B.A (LINGUISTICS)

COURSE CODE: LAC 1107

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL
LINGUISTICS**

DATE: 4TH DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 1100 - 1300 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Question **ONE** is compulsory
- Answer any other **TWO** questions

This paper consists of 2 printed pages. Please turn over.

1. (a) Define the term 'Linguistics'. (2mks)
- b) Explain why Linguistics is regarded as a scientific discipline. (10mks)
- c) Examine any five general notions associated with human language. (10mks)
- d) Speech is 'primary' while the written medium is 'secondary'. Discuss. (8mks)
2. Discuss any five branches of Linguistics. (20mks)
3. Explain the relationship between language and any other four disciplines. (20mks)
- 4(a) Outline any four main characteristics of Transformational Generative Grammar. (12mks)
- b) Discuss any four weaknesses of Traditional Grammar. (8mks)
- 5(a) Explain the following terms as used in semantics: Provide adequate illustrations. (12mks)
- i) Antonymy
- ii) Polysemy
- iii) Hyponymy
- b) Examine the various levels of Linguistics (8mks)

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