



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

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

COURSE CODE: LAC 2107-1

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

DATE: 7TH DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 1430-1630

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

QUESTION ONE

Derivational morphemes create new words while inflectional morphemes create variant word forms to show different grammatical functions. Using relevant examples justify this assertion. (20mks)

QUESTION TWO

Using the right illustrations, explain the following word morphological process: (15mks)

- i). Backformation and clipping
- ii). Compounding and blending
- iii). Affixation and blending

QUESTION THREE

i). Discuss the two major divisions of morphemes in the English language.

(8mks)

ii). With relevant examples, explain the allomorphs that mark the past tense morpheme.

(7mks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss any five implied meanings of a word.

(15mks)

QUESTION FIVE

i). Form nouns using the following affixes indicating the initial word class:

(5mks)

- a). -ship
- b). -or
- c). -ion
- d). -ist
- e). -age

ii). Distinguish between the following aspects of morphological study:

(10mks)

- a) Stems and bases
- b). Morphs and morphemes
- c). Lexical and functional morphemes
- d). Empty and zero morphs
- e), Affixation and circumfixation

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