



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

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

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: LAC 1106

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO
LANGUAGE**

DATE: 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

TIME: 1100 - 1300 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Q1) a). Discuss the five theories that have been put forth concerning the origin of language. (20mks)

b). Distinguish between the spoken and the written language. (10mks)

Q2). Explain any five functions of language. (20mks)

Q3) a). Define the term writing. (2mks)

b). Explain any four types of world writing systems. (12mks)

c). Briefly, explain the concept of 'Language Universals' (6mks)

Q4) a). Explain the following terms as used in the study of language:

I). Dialect (2mks)

II). Pidgin (2mks)

III). Speech Community (2mks)

IV). Diglossia (2mks)

V). Code switching and Code mixing (2mks)

b). With relevant examples, explain any two properties of human and non-human language. (10mks)

Q5) a). Differentiate between language planning and language policy. (2mks)

b). Explain the processes involved in language standardization. (8mks)

c). Explain at least five goals of language planning and policy making. (10mks)

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