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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KEN 2100 INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF ENGLISH**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Time: 8.30am-10.30am

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the following concepts as used in the study of language
- i) Speech Community. (3 marks)
  - ii) Accent. (3 marks)
  - iii) Code switching. (3 marks)
  - iv) Idiolects. (3 marks)
  - v) Dialects. (3 marks)
- b) Explain **five** functions of language. (5 marks)
- c) Discuss **three** characteristics of animal language. (6 marks)
- d) Highlight **four** levels of language analysis. (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term syntax. (2 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, discuss the following types of sentences:
- i) Simple sentences. (2 marks)
  - ii) Compound sentences. (2 marks)
  - iii) Complex sentences. (2 marks)
  - iv) Compound complex sentences. (2 marks)
- c) English language has different sentence structures. Using sentences as examples, explain the following sentence structure:
- i) S+V. (2 marks)
  - ii) S+V+O. (2 marks)
  - iii) S+V+C. (2 marks)
  - iv) S+V+A. (2 marks)
- d) Explain two importance of studying syntax. (2 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the following semantic meaning.
  - i) Social meaning. (2 marks)
  - ii) Conceptual meaning. (2 marks)
  - iii) Connotative meaning. (2 marks)
  - iv) Collective meaning. (2 marks)
- b) Give connotative and denotative meaning of each the following words:
  - i) Home. (2 marks)
  - ii) Snake. (2 marks)
  - iii) Red. (2 Marks)
  - iv) Angel. (2 Marks)
- c) Differentiate semantics from pragmatics. (4 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Compare and contrast human and animal language. (8 marks)
- b) Differentiate the following terms as used in phonology:
  - i) Phonology and phonetics. (2 marks)
  - ii) Phonemes and allophones. (2 marks)
- c) With relevant examples, discuss the **three** dimension of articulatory. (6 marks)
- d) List any **four** articulatory organs. (2 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term multilingualism. (2 marks)
- b) Multilingualism is a common phenomenon in the world today. Explore factors underlying the increase of multilinguals in different parts of the world. (8 marks)
- c) Explain **three** factors that contribute to the rise of dialects. (6 marks)
- d) Examine the **two** main types of dialect. (4 marks)

