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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**KEN 2100:INTRODUCTION TO STUDY OF ENGLISH**

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> , December 2022

Time:8.30am-10.30am

**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

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

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss any **four** properties of human language (4 marks)
- b) How do birds and animals lack these properties? (2 marks)
- c) Explain the genetic source of human natural language (4 marks)
- d) Using **four** examples, show how human organs are adapted to speech (4 marks)
- e) Giving **two** examples, define the term "Homophones" (2 marks)
- f) Describe a noun phrase using specific examples (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define phonetics and explain its **three** branches (4 marks)
- b) What questions does phonology seek to answer? (4 marks)
- c) Compare and contrast semantics and pragmatics (4 marks)
- d) What is morpho-phonemics and Morpho-Syntax? (4 marks)
- e) Differentiate between the following: (4 marks)
  - i. Devotional versus inflectional morphemes.
  - ii. Bound morpheme versus free morphemes.
  - iii. Lexical versus functional morphemes.

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) What is artificial language? (2 marks)
- b) Explain any **four** requirements of an artificial language. (6 marks)
- c) Why is sign language similar to natural spoken language? (7 marks)
- d) What challenges have faced artificial language in an attempt to make it an international language?  
Give examples. (5 marks)

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

- a) What is linguistics? (2 marks)
- b) What procedures of linguistics study make it a science? (4 marks)
- c) Differentiate the following branches of linguistics (6 marks)
  - i.Descriptive versus prescriptive.
  - ii.Theoretical versus applied linguistics.
  - iii.Psycholinguistics versus neuro-linguistics.
- d) What are the main concerns of; (8 marks)
  - i.Sociolinguistics
  - ii.Clinical linguistics
  - iii.Forensic linguistics
  - iv.Biolinguistics.

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

- a) What is syntax? (2 marks)
- b) Giving specific examples, define the following terms;
  - i) Phrase (2 marks)
  - ii) Clause (2 marks)
  - iii) Sentence (2 marks)
  - iv) Compound sentence (2 marks)
- c) Explain the notions of Semantics and Pragmatics. (4 marks)
- d) Describe the ideas of connectedness, cohesion and coherence.  
Give an example of each. (6 marks)