



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

THIRD SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 203: MORPHOLOGY, SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

DATE: Tuesday, 25th July 2017

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any TWO others.

1. (a) Define the following terms. Give an example in each. (8 marks)
 - (i) Hyponyms
 - (ii) Antonyms
 - (iii) Synonyms
 - (iv) Homonyms
 - (b) With relevant illustrations, define the following terms. (15 marks)
 - (i) Morphology
 - (ii) Syntax
 - (iii) Semantics
 - (c) Explain the distinction between derivational and inflectional morphology. Give an example in each. (7 marks)
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2. (a) Giving relevant examples, explain the difference of the following types of meaning. (12 marks)
 - (i) Connotative and collocative
 - (ii) Affective and reflective
 - (b) Explain FOUR word forming processes. Illustrate with an example. (8 marks)

3. Distinguish between the following pairs of linguistic terms: (20 marks)
- (i) Morpheme and Phoneme.
 - (ii) Morph and Allomorph.
 - (iii) Root and Stem.
 - (iv) Affix and Suffix.
 - (v) Lexical morpheme and bound morpheme.
4. Analyze each of the following sentences using traditional and structural approaches.
- (i) The children played in the hall
 - (ii) Martha cooked nice food for the family
 - (iii) The man bought pretty flowers on Valentine day
 - (iv) The students read in the library (20 marks)
5. Identify and classify the phrases in the following sentences. (20 marks)
- (i) The mad man killed the lady.
 - (ii) The bright student was promoted to the next level.
 - (iii) Maria is hardworking.
 - (iv) The Matatu arrived early.
 - (v) The baby cried in pain.
 - (vi) The participants were applauded.
 - (vii) Onyango walks gracefully.
 - (viii) Mwangi may have been hiding last week.
 - (ix) Coffee farming earns farmers a lot of money.
 - (x) Felix graduated yesterday.