



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 203: MORPHOLOGY SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

DATE: Wednesday, 31st January 2018

TIME: 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1.
 - a) Discuss the categories and functions of the morphemes in the structure below
The law currently provides for freedom of speech. (10 Marks)
 - b) 'Derivation is much less regular and therefore much less predictable than inflectional morphology'. Explain this statement in the light of affixation processes. (10 Marks)
 - c) Explain the relationship between the pairs below: (10 Marks)
 - i) employ - employers
 - ii) explain - explanation
 - iii) foot - feet
 - iv) happy - happiness
 - v) qualify - unqualified
2.
 - a) With reference to form and function, describe the concept 'noun' and 'verb' from a structuralism perspective. (14 Marks)

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- b) Using appropriate examples, discuss any TWO criteria for defining a word (6 Marks)
3. a) Giving an example of each, discuss the following terms. (12 Marks)
- i) Polysemy
 - ii) Homophony
 - iii) Hyponymy
 - iv) Antonymy
- b) With a clear illustration for each, describe any **Four** types of affixes. (8 Marks)
4. Discuss any **Four** types of meaning with appropriate illustrations. (20 Marks)
5. a) Study the sentences below and answer the questions that follow:
- i) All parties rejected the fresh polls.
 - ii) The bright student read the script keenly.
- With the aid of the diagrams, provide an ICA analysis of the sentences above. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain **Three** shortcomings of the Immediate Constituent Analysis of sentence structure. (9 Marks)
- c) Giving examples, distinguish between morphemes and allomorphs. (5 Marks)