



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 203: MORPHOLOGY, SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

DATE: Tuesday, 24th November 2015

TIME: 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Study the data below on Swedish noun forms and answer the questions that follow:

en lampa	"a lamp"	en bil	"a car"
en stol	"a chair"	en sofa	"a sofa"
en tidning	"a newspaper"	en katt	"a cat"
lampor	"lamps"	bilar	"cars"
stolar	"chairs"	soffor	"sofas"
tidningar	"newspapers"	kattar	"cats"
lampan	"the lamp"	bilen	"the car"
stolen	"the chair"	soffan	"the sofa"
tidningaren	"the newspaper"	katten	"the cat"
lamporna	"the lamps"	bilarna	"the cars"
stolarna	"the chairs"	soffarna	"the sofas"
tidningarna	"the newspaper"	kattarna	"the cats"

- i) What is the Swedish word for the indefinite article 'a' (or 'an')? (1 Mark)
- ii) What are the two forms of the plural morpheme in these data? (2 Marks)
- iii) What are the two forms of the morpheme that make a singular word definite, that is, correspond to the English article 'the'? How can you tell which form applies? (3 Marks)
- iv) What is the morpheme that makes a plural word definite? (1 Mark)

- v) If *en flicka* is “a girl”, what are the forms for “girls,” “the girl,” and “the girls?”
(3 Marks)
- vi) If *bussarna* is “the buses,” what are the forms for “buses” and “the bus?”
(2 Marks)
- b) Giving clear examples in each case, discuss three types of meaning. (12 Marks)
- c) Discuss the concept ‘verb’ based on form and position. (6 Marks)
2. a) By use of tree diagrams remove the ambiguity in the following sentences:
- The cat drank the milk in the kitchen.
 - The police shot the robber with a gun.
 - Hardworking men and women achieve their goals.
 - The teacher punished the students in the field. (12 Marks)
- b) Giving two examples in each case, discuss any four sense relations. (8 Marks)
3. Using examples, describe how the occurrence of an allomorph in a given context is conditioned. (20 Marks)
4. a) Describe the basic principles of Transformational Generative Grammar (TGG)
(6 Marks)
- b) Using appropriate illustrations, carry out a structural and functional classification of sentences. (14 Marks)
5. With the aid of examples, distinguish between the following terms and concepts:
- clipping and back formation
 - bound and free morphemes
 - root and stem
 - syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations
 - phrase and clause (20 Marks)