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(A Constituent College of the University of Nairobi)

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TRIMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION**

TEL 204: STUDY OF ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

DATE: AUGUST 16, 2016

TIME: 02:00-4:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and ANY other TWO Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the term morphology. (4 marks)
- b) Identify the bound morphemes in each of the following words. (6 marks)
- i) Fearlessly
 - ii) Misleads
 - iii) Unreconstructed
- c) Examine the following data and answer the questions that follow.

Walk -Walked

Weld -Welded

Want -Wanted

Film -Filmed

Love -Loved

Help -Helped

Weigh-Weighed

Rush -Rushed

Add -Added

Race -Raced

- i) Identify the past tense morphemes and its allomorphs. (5 marks)
- ii) State the distribution of the allomorphs and state whether they are phonologically conditioned or morphologically conditioned. (5 marks)
- d) Distinguish between lexical morphemes and functional morphemes. (5 marks)
- e) With illustrations, define morphophonemics. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using relevant examples, draw a clear distinction between the following terms as used in morphology. (20 marks)

- i) Morphemes and allomorphs
- ii) Free and bound morphemes
- iii) Lexical and functional morphemes
- iv) Inflectional and derivational morphemes

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss any four morphological processes in English using relevant examples. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) What is morphemic alternation? (4 marks)

b) Discuss two main types of morphemic alternation. (6 marks)

c) Describe the morphemic alteration of the English plural marker and tense marker. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss any five morphophonemic rules citing relevant examples. (20 marks)

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