



EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
(A Constituent College of the University of Nairobi)

2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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

TEL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS AND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

DATE: APRIL 11, 2016

TIME: 02:00-04:00

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY Other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following:
- i.) Language
 - ii.) Linguistics (5 marks)
- b) Describe one theory of the origin of language (5 marks)
- c) Giving examples explain what is 'sociolinguistics' (5 marks)
- d) Justify the study of linguistics (5 marks)
- e) Explain the relationship between Linguistics and Literature (5 marks)
- f) Explain three basic elements of communication (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Briefly discuss the following branches of linguistics:

- i.) phonology
- ii.) Syntax
- iii.) semantics

(20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss language universals

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss any two approaches to linguistics highlighting their strengths and weaknesses

(20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss animal communication with reference to experiments that have been done

(20 marks)

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