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**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 102: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Date: 28th April, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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Q1. a) Explain the following terminologies:

- i) Language and linguistics. (4marks)
- ii) competence and performance (4 marks)
- iii) prescriptive and descriptive linguistics (4 marks)
- iv) pidgins and creoles (4 marks)

b) With examples expound on the following concepts: articulatory, acoustic and auditory phonetics. (9 marks)

c) Draw a trapezium and plot the primary cardinal vowels (5 marks)

Q2. By providing suitable examples, describe the following branches of linguistics:

- i) Neurolinguistics
- ii) Phonology
- iii) Morphology
- iv) Syntax
- v) Semantics

(20 marks)

Q3. a) Differentiate between a national and an official language. Give examples from the Kenyan context.

(10 marks)

b) Describe the stages in language planning.

(10 marks)

Q4. With appropriate examples from the English language, distinguish between the following concepts:

(20 marks)

- i. Blending and clipping
- ii. Free morphemes and Bound morphemes
- iii. Transitive and intransitive verbs
- iv. Homonyms and synonyms

Q5. Discuss the contributions made by the any **TWO** of the scholars below to the linguistic theory:

(20 marks)

- a) Leonard Bloomfield
- b) Noam Chomsky
- c) Ferdinand de Saussure
- d) Michael Halliday