KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)

Date: 11th December, 2020
Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

KEN 2100 – INTRODUCTION TO STUDY OF ENGLISH

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Describe   the term language as used in linguistics.   (4 Marks)

b) What are the dominant characteristics of human communication?   (6 Marks)

c) List five word classes as used in English language.   (5 Marks)

d) Describe the above giving two examples in each case.   (5 Marks)

e) Give the functions of the examples above as used in language.   (5 Marks)

f) Transcribe the following sentences phonetically
    i)   Treasure
    ii)   Dive
    iii)   Fear
    iv)   Zoo
    v)   Cut   (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a)   Linguistically, distinguish between animal and human communication.

(10 Marks)

b)   Give a descriptive definition of the following and their importance in the study of linguistics

   i)   Phonetics

   ii)   Phonology

   iii)   Morphology

   iv)   Syntax

   v)   Semantics   (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a)   What does animal communication teach us about human language?

(10 Marks)

b)   Briefly describe the following terminologies as used in English Language
   i)   Dialects

   ii)   Accents

   iii)   Idiolects

   iv)   Speech community

   v)   Idi olects   (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a)   What are the major differences between animal and human communication.

(10 Marks)

b)   Why is the study of language important in the study of linguistics?

(10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a)   Describe the concept of knowing a language.

(10 Marks)

b)   Briefly explain the following theories that distinguishes meaningful words from meaningless ones
   i)   Definitions theory
   ii)   Denotation theory
   iii)   Image theory

(10 Marks)