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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
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)