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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: 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020  
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

**KEN 2103 – INTRODUCTION TO DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the following concepts in linguistics and give two examples in each case
- i) A nasal Consonant
  - ii) A consonant sound
  - iii) Adverb
  - iv) Interjection (8 Marks)
- b) What is an adjective? (2 Marks)
- c) Give two types of adjectives and one example in each. (4 Marks)
- d) Identify the determiner, pre-modifier, headword, and post modifier in the following Noun Phrase (4 Marks)  
**One fine Morning in July**
- e) Identify and illustrate the four types of clauses in English. (8 Marks)
- f) List four word classes in English language. (4 mark)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Briefly describe how the following sounds produced
- i) Stops
  - ii) Fricatives
  - iii) Laterals
  - iv) Glottals
  - v) Nasals (10 Marks)

- b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions
- i) a. Bear.....me for a few moments.
  - ii) b. This evidence is not material.....the case at hand.
  - iii) c. The work was done.....haste.
  - iv) d. Martin attributed his success .....his wife.
  - v) e. My grandmother is afflicted.....a very serious ailment. (5 Marks)
- c) Give the meaning of each of the idiomatic expressions and then construct a correct sentence using each separately
- i) The apple of someone's eye
  - ii) To go bananas
  - iii) The cherry on the cake
  - iv) The apple that never falls away from the tree
  - v) To swallow a humble pie (5 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Distinguish between the following pairs of terms;
- i) Subject pronouns and Object Pronouns
  - ii) Auxiliary verbs and Main Verbs (4 Marks)
- b) Briefly explain what a conjunction is and state the types that you studied in this unit. (5 Marks)
- c) Give two examples of a conjunction and construct a sentence in each. (4 Marks)
- d) Differentiate between Degree adverbs and circumstance adverbs . (4 Marks)
- e) Phrases and Clauses (3 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term Morphology (2 Marks)
- b) What are Morphemes? (1 Mark)
- c) Identify the Prefixes and suffixes in the following words
- i) Impossible
  - ii) Undemonstrative
  - iii) Smartest
  - iv) Singing
  - v) Information (5 Marks)

- d) Giving examples in each case, what is the morphological difference between clipping and back formation (4 Marks)
- e) Word formation is a morphological and sometimes grammatical process that aims at producing words in a language. Give FOUR illustrative descriptions of word formation processes. (8 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE ( 20 MARKS)**

- a) Writers create a different mood and tone depending on the different types of sentences they use. Describe four types of sentences in English language. (12 Marks)
- b) Give an example in each of the sentences mentioned above. (4Marks)
- c) What is Phonology? (4Marks)