



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER**

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENGL 301

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH PHONOLOGY AND MORPHOLOGY

DATE: 10 MAY 2021

TIME: 8.00 AM - 11.00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms as used in linguistic studies. **[12 Marks]**
- a. Morphology
 - b. Allomorph
 - c. Phonology
 - d. Phoneme
- b) Explain the concerns of phonology in linguistic analysis. **[10 Marks]**
- c) Distinguish between inflectional and derivational morphology giving clear illustrations of each. **[10 Marks]**
- d) Provide a phonemic transcription of the following words. **[8 Marks]**
- a. Judgement
 - b. Meeting
 - c. Yours
 - d. Phonetics

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) With suitable illustrations, discuss any five word formation processes. **[15 Marks]**
- b) Explain the likely processes involved in formation of the word 'disillusionment' **[5 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the three parameters used in the classification of English consonant sounds. **[15 Marks]**
- b) Provide an example of each of the following types of English phonemes. **[5 Marks]**
- a. A diphthong
 - b. A triphthong
 - c. A cardinal vowel
 - d. A bilabial stop
 - e. A labiodental fricative

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Describe the following phonological processes. **[12 Marks]**
- a. Assimilation
 - b. Dissimilation
 - c. Deletion
 - d. Insertion
- b) Discuss the importance of phonology in the teaching and learning of foreign languages.

[8 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the concept of ‘stress’ as a prosodic feature that affects meaning. Provide illustrations using various sets of words and sentences [10 Marks]
- b) Indicate the intonation patterns for the following utterances. Give reasons for your answer. [10 Marks]
- a. We will leave tomorrow.
 - b. Is Judy present today?
 - c. Don’t sit there.
 - d. Hurray! We won the match.
 - e. Who did you find in the house?

QUESTION SIX

- a) Describe the internal structure of the English syllable. [8 Marks]
- b) Explain the maximal onset rule. [4 Marks]
- c) Identify the syllables in the following words and show the components of each syllable. [8 Marks]