



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY – THIKA**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
MAY - AUGUST 2023 SEMESTER**

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: ENGL 100**

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE**

**DATE: 4 AUGUST 2023**

**TIME: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

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**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) Using examples, examine **FOUR** traits of animal language. [12 Marks]
- b) Explain with examples any **FOUR** theories of the origin of human language. [12 Marks]
- c) Analyze any **FOUR** misconceptions about linguistics [12 Marks]
- d) Explain the term polyglot. [4 Marks]

## **SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Using examples, discuss any **THREE** scientific nature of linguistics. [12 Marks]
- b) Discuss the difference between a language and linguistics. [8 Marks]

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Describe the features of an agglutinating language. [10 Marks]
- b) Examine the difference between fusional and isolating language. [10 Marks]

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Analyze any **FOUR** universal features of language proposed by Charles Hockett (1960). [12 Marks]
- b) Explain any **FOUR** functions of language. [8 Marks]

### **QUESTION FIVE**

Using relevant examples, discuss the relationship between linguistics and any **FIVE** disciplines [20 Marks]

### **QUESTION SIX**

- a) Examine any **FOUR** characteristics of human language. [12 Marks]
- b) Explain how semantics can be used to analyze a language. [8 Marks]