



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2025 SEMESTER

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENGL 022

COURSE TITLE: PHONOLOGY AND MORPHOLOGY

DATE: APRIL 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **TWO** 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) Differentiate between a phoneme and an allophone. [4 Marks]
- b) Illustrate the difference between inflectional and derivational affixes. [4 Marks]
- c) Compare segmental and suprasegmental in phonology. [4 Marks]
- d) Analyze two common phonological processes. [6 Marks]
- e) Discuss the distinction between morphemes and syllables. [6 Marks]
- f) Explain two ways in which words can be categorized based on morphology. [6 Marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Demonstrate five linguistic categories that contribute to noun formation. [10 Marks]
- b) Explain five key phonetic properties of speech sounds. [10 Marks]

Question three

- a) Illustrate the roles of the four components of syllable structure. [12 Marks]
- b) Examine, with examples, two constraints on syllabification. [8 Marks]

Question Four

- a) Describe five roles of phonological knowledge in linguistic analysis. [5 Marks]
- b) Analyze, with five examples, phonological alternations. [15 Marks]

Question five

- a) Provide five examples to illustrate morphophonemic variations across words. [10 Marks]
- b) Examine, with five examples, five characteristics of phonological Markedness. [10 Marks]