



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR TWO SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 221

COURSE TITLE: SYNTAX 1

EXAMINATION DURATION: 2 HOURS

DATE: 09/04/18

TIME: 08.00-11.00 AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has SIX (6) questions
- Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY
- Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the following terms. [8 marks]
- i. Syntax
 - ii. Nominalization
 - iii. A phrase
 - iv. A determiner
- (b) Identify the pronouns in the sentences below and state the type of each. [8 marks]
- i. Can you do it yourself?
 - ii. That is the candidate for whom I voted
 - iii. You do not even know me
 - iv. Everyone loves themselves
- (c) Construct sentences following the syntactic structures given below. [9 marks]
- i. SV
 - ii. SVO
 - iii. SVA
 - iv. SVOC
 - v. SVOO

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Name types of common nouns given, identify the type of each [4 marks]
- i. Chair
 - ii. Army
 - iii. Choir
 - iv. Harmony
- (b) State three characteristics of proper nouns [3 marks]
- (c) State the functional classification of the given sentences. [8 marks]
- i. The class representative called the lecturer.
 - ii. What a beautiful University we have.
 - iii. Move away.
 - iv. Everyone loves themselves



QUESTION THREE

- (a) Using structured examples, explain the categories of determiners in a noun phrase (NP) [9 marks]
- (b) With examples, describe a verb group [6 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Describe the constituents of a noun phrase (NP) [15 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Identify the kind of phrase formed by the underlined words; state the function of each phrase. [12 marks]
- The ugly rugs must have been stolen in the beautiful house.
 - The governor donated clothes rather generously.
 - In the Lord's house was where they found him.
 - Her story was too good to be true.
 - My child is quite brilliant
 - The lecturer will give the students a nice examination.
- (b) State the key functions of a verb phrase. [3 marks]

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Make sentences to illustrate that you understand the structure and constituents of a verb phrase (verbal group) [8 marks]
- auxiliary + the head
 - 2 auxiliaries + the head
 - 3 auxiliaries + the head
 - 4 auxiliaries + the head
- (b) Explain the functions of a verb phrase [7 marks]

