



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO**
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 211

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 06/12/17

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

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) Differentiate between a word and a morpheme. [4 marks]
- (b) Explain how a word and a morpheme can be similar. [3 marks]
- (c) Describe the characteristics of words based on the following criteria: [10 marks]
- i. Syntactic information
 - ii. Semantic information
 - iii. Phonological information
 - iv. Morphological information
 - v. Pragmatic information
- (d) Define and give **one** example of each of the following concepts: [8 marks]
- i. Lexeme
 - ii. Word-form
 - iii. Morph
 - iv. Allomorph

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Classify the following words into lexical and functional morphemes. [6 marks]
- (loud, creed, black, after, into, June, like, pair, expert, from, as, he)
- (b) Identify the root, stem and base in the following words. [9 marks]
- Wizardry
- Magicians
- Removals
- Unfaithfulness
- Econometrician

QUESTION THREE

Explain and illustrate how the following past tense and plural allomorphs are realized [15 marks]

- i. /Id/
- ii. /d/
- iii. /t/
- iv. /Iz/
- v. /z/



QUESTION FOUR

Describe **five** differences between derivational and inflectional morphemes. [15 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

(a) Define the term “morphology”. [3 marks]

(b) With **two** examples, distinguish between free and bound morphemes [8 marks]

(c) Indicate the bound and free morphemes of any **four** words below. [4 marks]

Inconsistency

Blackboard

Measurability

Uncomfortable

Shortened

Unhappier

QUESTION SIX

With at least **two** examples, explain the following word formation processes. [15 marks]

- i. Conversion
- ii. Compounding
- iii. Clipping
- iv. Backformation
- v. Blending

