



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS
UNIT CODE AEN 501: THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS**

DATE:15/12/2022

TIME: 2:00 – 5:00P.M

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate how the following theories account for analysis of language (20 Marks).

- i. Transformational Generative Grammar
- ii. Structuralism theory
- iii. Prototype theory
- iv. Community of Practice

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Provide any outline of a functional theory, clearly showing how it may be applied to the analysis of a clause.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

In what ways does the speech accommodation theory account for language use in contact situations?

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the tenets of the cognitive metaphor theory and show how its relevance in semantics.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Outline the optimality theory and state its role in the study of phonology