



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF ARTS
AEN 405 FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR

DATE: 22/8/2022

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Highlight the theme in the following sentences and state if it is nominal, prepositional, or adverbial. (15 marks)
- i. In the dark, the dog chased the boy
 - ii. Suddenly, the dog chased the boy.
 - iii. The boy was chased by the dog.
- b) Discuss the following metafunctions of language. (15 marks)
- i. Ideational
 - ii. Interpersonal
 - iii. Textual

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

According to Hallidayan Functional Grammar, the clause can be expressed as means of representation as a message. Explain this claim with appropriate example sentences.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Write and illustrate **three** features that are common with both Prague school and systematic functional grammar. (9 marks)
- b) Explain with illustrations the **four** speech functions of a clause as an exchange (11 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the statement. ‘Transformational Generative Grammar and Functional Grammar differ in the ways they view language’

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyse the following sentences in the mode of a clause as representation (10 marks)
- i. My brother loves football with a passion
 - ii. I bought my friend a present on her birthday.
 - iii. The bus arrived quite early
 - iv. The students have been working very hard for the last one week.
- b) Explain three major differences between formal and informal grammar. (10 marks)