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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**THARAKA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

**ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS) YISI**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 03/12/2019**

**8.30 AM – 10.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer Three Questions only**
- **Question One is Compulsory**

1. (a) Define the words as used in linguistics. [5 marks]
  - (i) Linguist
  - (ii) polyglot
  - (iii) Allophone
  - (iv) Objectivity
- (b) Describe three types of linguistics. [15 marks]
- (c) Explain what it means to know a language. [10 marks]
2. Explain the contribution of the genesis theory in explaining the origin of language, and show its weaknesses. [20 marks]
3. Although human beings and animals have systems of communication, only the human's system of communication can be referred to as language. Discuss. [20 marks]
4. Describe the major writing systems of the world. [20 marks]
5. (a) Describe four types of language universals. [10 marks]

(b) Language can be defined as a system of arbitrary vocal symbols used for human communication. Discuss. [10 marks]

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