


KISII UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS
SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022
[FEBRUARY-JUNE, 2022]

LING 817: LINGUISTIC THEORY

STREAM: Y1S2

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 8.00 –11.00 AM

DATE: 29/04/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer any *THREE* Questions.**

QUESTION ONE

Is it possible to develop a scientific theory of Linguistics? Discuss with reference to any ONE school of thought in Linguistics covered in this course.
(20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

What justifies the distinction between a Formal and Functional approaches to linguistics?
(20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Demonstrate how one can analyze a given linguistic phenomenon of your choice with reference to an appropriate Theoretical construct. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Critically examine the revolutions of doing linguistics with reference to the main stages of Linguistic history. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Delineate any aspects of any school of thought that will inform the methodological choices you will make in studying any linguistic phenomenon of your choice. (20 Marks)