

KISII UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
2ND YEAR 2ND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FULL TIME

COURSE CODE: LING 125
COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN LINGUISTICS
EXAM VENUE: **STREAM:** (BA)
DATE: **EXAM SESSION:**
TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions
2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.
3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.

QUESTION ONE [COMPULSORY]

1. a. With illustrations, define African linguistics. (5 marks)
b. Explain the existence of the former colonial languages in African countries and their impact of African languages. (10 marks)
c. Discuss how the comparative method is applied in the classification of African languages. (10 marks)
d. Explain and illustrate the concept of protolanguage. (5 marks)
2. Discuss the unique features of each of the four families of African linguistics. (20 marks)
3. Using typical examples elucidate the sociolinguistic nature of African states. (20 marks)
4. Explain each of the following structural configurations of African languages. Give relevant examples for each. (20 marks)
 - a. Tone
 - b. Click consonants

- c. Nominal classification
- d. Syllable structure
- e. Syntactic structure

QUESTION FIVE

- a. Discuss four reasons for the shared features among languages of a common language family. (10 marks)
- b. Briefly highlight the features of the consonant and vowel inventories of any one of African language families. (10 marks)