

ENG211



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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

### 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN  
EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: ENG211**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY**

**DATE: 09/12/2022**

**TIME: 09:00-12:00**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**REGULAR – MAIN EXAM**

STREAM: BED (Arts)

DURATION: 3 Hours

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer *Question ONE* and any other *TWO* questions.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

**Question One**

- a) According to Katamba and Stonham (2006), the definition of the word has for a long time been a problem for linguistic theory. Define the term word using any **four** criteria. (8 Marks)
- b) Giving relevant examples, explain each of the following terms used in morphology:
  - i. Free morpheme (3 Marks)
  - ii. Bound morpheme (3 Marks)
  - iii. Allomorphs (3 Marks)
- c) Study the following affixes carefully then answer questions that follow
  - In-
  - -dom
  - -less
  - i. For each, attach to a base form (3 Marks)
  - ii. Indicate the class of the base form (3 Marks)
  - iii. State the class of the new lexeme (3 Marks)
- d) Identify the morphological process that gave rise to the word below:
  - Netizens
  - Photo
  - Email
  - Nitty-gritty (4 Marks)

**Question Two**

- a) Using 3 examples in each case, describe any **THREE** word formation processes in the English language. (15 Marks)

- b) Using any two illustrations in each case, differentiate between a lexeme and a word form. (5 Marks)

**Question Three**

- a) Using any 5 examples, discuss the notion that in English, inflectional affixes are predictable in their distribution while derivational affixes are rarely predictable. (12 Marks)
- b) Giving any 2 examples in each case, differentiate between lexical morphemes and functional morphemes. (8 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Identify the morphemes in each of the following words:
- i. Unconstitutionally
  - ii. Disfunctional
  - iii. Unfortunately
  - iv. Hyperactivity
  - v. Underdevelopment (15 Marks)
- b) Carefully study the prefixes in the words in (a) above. Provide one word in each case that uses each of the prefixes you have identified. (5 Marks)

**Question Five**

- a) Explain each of the following terms used in morphology and give two examples of each.
- i. Stem
  - ii. Base
  - iii. Root (6 Marks)
- b) Describe the notion 'derivation' as used in the study of morphology. (8 Marks)
- c) Illustrate the concept of *infixation* using any two words as your illustrations. (6 Marks)