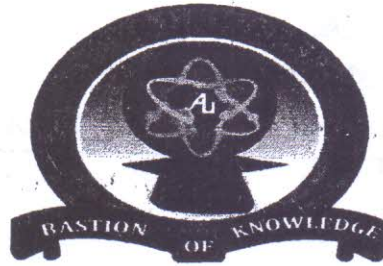


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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN  
EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (ARTS)

**COURSE CODE: ENG211E**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY**

**DATE: 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023.**

**TIME: 09.00- 12.00**

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### **INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

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**ENG211: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY**

**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) The definition of the word has for a long time been a problem for linguistic theory. In light of *four* criteria for defining the term 'word', discuss this assertion. (8 Marks)
- b) Giving relevant examples, explain each of the following terms used in morphology:
  - i. Free morpheme (4 Marks)
  - ii. Bound morpheme (4 Marks)
  - iii. Allomorphs (4 Marks)
- c) Explain each of the following terms used in morphology and give two examples of each.
  - i. Stem
  - ii. Base
  - iii. Root (6 Marks)
- d) Determine the morphological processes that gave rise to each of the following words:
  - i. Running (as a Noun)
  - ii. Tik-tok
  - iii. Uber
  - iv. COVID-19 (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 adequate examples, comment on the notion that in English, inflectional affixes are predictable in their distribution while derivational affixes are rarely predictable. (14 Marks)
- b) Giving examples, differentiate between lexical morphemes and functional morphemes. (6 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Identify the morphemes in each of the following words:
- i. Impossibly
  - ii. Decolonization
  - iii. Unexpectedly
  - iv. Hypersensitivity
  - v. Understatement (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) Briefly describe the notion 'derivation' with reference to morphology. (10 Marks)
- b) Using illustrations, state the difference between agglutinating and isolating languages. (10 Marks)

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