



# KIBABII UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

## (KIBUCO)

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2014 /2015 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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

**COURSE CODE: ENG 410**

**COURSE TITLE: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH  
GRAMMAR**

**DATE: 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2015**

**TIME: 3.00 -5.00 p.m.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- Answer questions ONE and any other Two questions

1 a) Giving examples where possible, distinguish between the following terms/concepts as used in the description of English grammar (20 marks)

- i. Deep structure and Surface Structure
- ii. Grammar and Grammatical Model
- iii. Prescriptive and Descriptive Grammar

b) Write the lexicon/sentences for the following rewrite rules (10 marks)

- i.  $S \rightarrow D + Adj + P + D + N + \text{present tense} + V$
- ii.  $S \rightarrow \text{Pro} + \text{past tense} + \text{Modal} + V + \text{ADV}$
- iii.  $S \rightarrow D + Adj + N + P + D + N + \text{present tense} + V$
- iv.  $S \rightarrow D + N + \text{past tense} + \text{Modal} + \text{have+en} + V + D + N$
- v.  $S \rightarrow D + Adj + N + \text{present tense} + \text{have+en} + \text{be+ing} + V + P + N$

c) Examine the contributions of the following linguists to Structuralism (20 marks)

- i. Ferdinand De Saussure
- ii. Leonard Bloomfield

## QUESTION TWO

Identify and briefly discuss the weaknesses of Phrase Structure Grammar. (20 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

Highlight any FIVE major differences between Formal and Functional Grammar (20 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

a) Briefly explain the well-known principles of Government-Binding Theory (15 marks)

b) Which of these Principles are discontinued in the Minimalist framework? (5 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

5. Using relevant examples, discuss the contributions of Traditional Grammar to Modern Grammar of English (20 marks)