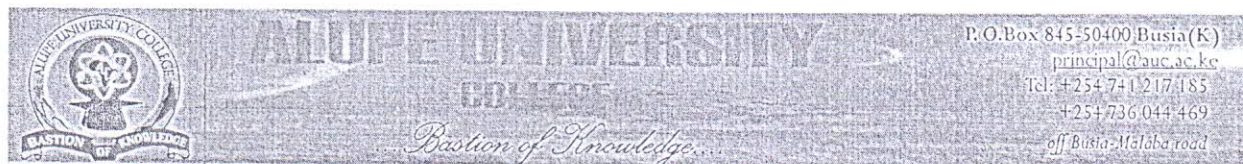OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
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STREAM: BED (Arts)   **DURATION: 3 Hours**

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   i.   *Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.*

  ii.   *Do not write on the question paper.*

Question One

Morphology aims at providing knowledge on the formal differences among words and their purposes, the creation of new lexical items and the indication of grammatical structure. In this regard:

  a) Distinguish the following terms as used in morphological analysis:
      i.   Open class word and closed class word
     ii.   Suffix and Prefix
    iii. Proclitic and Enclitic   (12 marks)

  a) Using appropriate examples, describe the following three linguistic levels at which words are defined in English:
      i.   Phonological word
     ii.   Grammatical word
    iii. Orthographical word   (9 marks)

  b) Identify and classify the morphemes in the following words as either 'bound morpheme' or 'free morpheme':
       i.   Seaward
      ii.   Wastage
     iii. Reconsider
     iv. Unhealthy
      v.   Poetic
     vi. Incompletion
    vii. Modernize
   viii. Waiter
     ix. Keys   (9 Marks)

Question Two

Bases, stems, and roots are morphological terms that form the main components of describing words in English. In this regard:

  a) Define the following terms as applied in morphology
      i.   Base

    ii.   Stem

    iii.   Root   (6 marks)

b) Using illustrations, distinguish between:

    i.   Dependent root

    ii.   Independent root   (4 marks)

c) Each of the following words are made up of a base word with a suffix. Provide the base word without its added suffix.

    i.   Sunny

    ii.   Loving

    iii. Noisy

    iv. Pumping

    v.   Fries   (5 marks)

d) Analyse the following words by identifying the root words and affixes

    i.   Cryptic

    ii.   Actor

    iii. Abnormal

    iv. Cardiology

    v.   Hypnotism   (5 marks)

Question Three

There are specified orders that are followed in the formation of words; in order to capture this process step-by-step, linguists have developed methods of diagramming used in the word morphological analysis. In reference to this statement:

a) Name the **two** methods used in word diagramming   (2 marks)

b) Define the term "labels" as used in word diagramming methods   (2 marks)

c) Using the 'tree structure method', draw a tree for each of the following words to show their constituent morphological parts:

    i.   Shipper   (3 marks)

    ii.   Simply   (3 marks)

    iii. Confrontational   (5 marks)

    iv. Anticlimaxes   (5 marks)

Question Four

Derivational and inflectional processes provide the knowledge upon which words in English are analysed. Based on this information:

a) Distinguish between the following terminologies:

    i.   Derivational and inflectional morphology   (8 marks)

    ii.   Regular and irregular morphological inflections   (4 marks)

b) Explain the concept of 'zero morpheme marking' in morphological analysis processes

                                                             (2 marks)

c) Using examples, describe the manifestation of the zero/null morpheme in the following grammatical presentations in English:

i.	Singular number of nouns	(2 marks)
ii.	Plural	(2 marks)
iii.	Past and past participle tense	(2 marks)

Question Five

Word formation processes help linguists to understand how and why new words come into being in a language. In reference to this statement:

a) State **three** reasons why new words are needed and occur in a language   (6 marks)

b) Using an appropriate example for each, describe the following word-formation processes:
   i.   Acronyms
   ii. Onomatopoeia
   iii. Coinage
   iv. Borrowing   (8 marks)

c) Identify the 'word formation process' used in the creation of each of the following words:
   i.   Memo
   ii. Biopic
   iii. Kidnap
   iv. Smog
   v.   Survey
   vi. Flu   (6 marks)

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