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FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
LINGUISTICS AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

CLL 101-MORPHOLOGY

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer question one and any other two questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Define the following terms as used in morphology
- i. Derivation. (2 marks)
 - ii. Morphological typology. (3 marks)
- b. Identify the bound morphemes in the following words and indicate the grammatical functions of each. (8 marks)
- i. Heavier
 - ii. Dogs
 - iii. Keeping
 - iv. Agreed
- c. Specify the plural allomorph in the following words. (4 marks)
- i. Buses
 - ii. Cots
 - iii. Words
 - iv. Sheep
- d. Mention any five clipped words. (5 marks)
- e. Using an example in each case differentiate between a root and a stem. (8 marks)

SECTION B – ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain four different perspectives that attempt to explain what a word is. Illustrate with examples.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Describe the inflection of the regular adjectives in the English language. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. Using any four examples describe the class changing derivation. (10 marks)
- b. Using any two examples from the English language, explain the process of conversion. (10 marks)