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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 0101 INTRODUCTION TO STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: 6/12/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- Illustrate with **three** reasons why language is unique to humans (6 marks)
- Explain **five** basic features in your language that are common to all other languages in the world. Support your answers with examples. (20 marks)
- Using your first language differentiate between linguistic competence and linguistic performance (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Describe the various aspects of linguistic knowledge of a native speaker

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the causes of aphasia to illustrate the relationship between language and the brain.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- Consider all the hypotheses on the evolution of human language. Discuss **two** that you consider acceptable in explaining the origin of human language; (10 marks)
- With examples of sounds explain the parameters for identifying speech sounds (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following type of grammars:

- Traditional Grammar
- Descriptive Grammars
- Prescriptive Grammars
- Teaching Grammars