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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATION ARTS - ENGLISH/LITERATURE

AEN 0101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

DATE: 26/7/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One (Compulsory) And Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Describe **TWO** types of affixes. (4 marks)
 - b) Discuss **FIVE** functions of language. (5 marks)
 - c) Explain **FIVE** characteristics of language. (10 marks)
 - d) Define the following terms:
 - i) Language
 - ii) Linguistics
 - iii) Morpheme
 - iv) Semantics
 - v) Morphology (5 marks)
 - e) Explain any **THREE** branches of linguistics and explain what each deals with (6 marks)
2.
 - a) Language has a hierarchical structure. Discuss the levels of language. Give examples. (10 marks)
 - b) Explain the main differences between animal and human communication. (10 marks)
3.
 - a) Explain the differences between free and bound morphemes. Give examples. (12 marks)
 - b) Discuss semantic gap in communication and state **FOUR** possible causes. Give examples. (8 marks)

4. a) Define: i) discourse
ii) phoneme (4 marks)
- b) State **FIVE** important features of linguistics. (5 marks)
- c) Using specific examples, explain **FOUR** sentence structures in English (8 marks)
- d) Explain your understanding of language family (3 marks)
5. a) Explain with examples **SIX** ways of achieving cohesion in a text. (6 marks)
- b) State the structures used in the following sentences:
- i) .Jemimah bought herself a car.
 - ii) While walking along the drive, I picked a lovely golden watch.
 - iii) Swimming is my favorite exercise.
 - iv) Either you need to study harder or you need to drop the class.
 - v) Even though he enjoyed the show, he will not attend again because he only watches once.
 - vi) Unless the milk is hot, I will not take it, so please put on a fresh pot. (6 marks)
- c) Explain **FOUR** main classifications of discourse. Give examples of each. (8 marks)