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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 100: INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

Date: 1/8/2016

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 and any two others.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the importance of **International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)** (2 marks)
- b) Describe the **8 cardinal vowels**. Illustrate your answer to show occurrence of such a vowel in words. (16 marks)
- c) Differentiate between: (6 marks)
- Phonetics and phonology
 - Phoneme and allophone
 - Free morpheme and bound morpheme
- d) Semantics explain lexical relations. Write synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences. (6 marks)
- We saw a tiny child.
 - He hid the news from his mother and father.
 - He could not tolerate the noise.

QUESTION TWO

- a) Define a theory and discuss the following theory of the origin of human language. (10 marks)
- b) Evolution theory
- c) Explain the term presupposition as used in pragmatics. Illustrate your answer. (2 marks)
- d) Distinguish between:
- i) Active and passive articulators. (4 marks)
 - ii) Voiced and voiceless sounds. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss **five** properties of human language illustrate your answer.

QUESTIONS THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Knowing a language entails some factors. In reference to a language you know discuss what to know a language entails. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss the relationship between the study of language and:
- i) Sociology
 - ii) Psychology (6 marks)
- c) Differentiate between pictograms, ideograms, logograms. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the **three** scientific characteristics of a linguistic approach to language study. (20 marks)

QUESTIONS FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) For each sound describe below, provide the phonetic symbol. (10 marks)
- i) Voiced alveolar plosive
 - ii) Voiceless dental fricative
 - iii) Voiced palatal semi-vowel.
 - iv) Voiced bilabial nasal.
 - v) Glottal plosive
- b) Explain how the following organs of speech evolved to be used by humans for producing speech sounds. (10 marks)
- i) Larynx
 - ii) Pharynx