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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: 14/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) State three objectives of a linguistic study. (3 marks)
b) List and define the linguistic levels at which language(s) can be defined. (10 marks)
c) Illustrate Chomsky's definition of *language performance* in contrast to *language competence* with two examples from your language. (6 marks)
d) Define three areas that are of concern to phonetics (6 marks)
e) Linguistics has relationships with several other disciplines. List two such disciplines and describe the relationship with each of the disciplines (5 marks)
2. a) Define a native speaker (2 marks)
b) Describe the various aspects of linguistics knowledge of a native speaker (18 marks)
3. a) State the functional morphemes in the following sentence? *When he arrived, the old man had an umbrella and a large plastic bag full of books.* (4 marks)
b) List the bound morphemes in these words: *fearlessly, misleads, previewer, shortened, unhappier* (6 marks)

- c) With illustrations define the following type of grammars: (10 marks)
- (i) Traditional grammars
 - (ii) Prescriptive grammars
 - (iii) Descriptive grammars
 - (iv) Teaching grammars
4. a) List and explain the parameters for identifying speech sounds (vowel and consonants) (10 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples differentiate between phone, phoneme and allophone (10 marks)
5. With two illustration for each, define the following linguistic units (20 marks)
- i) Sentence
 - ii) Clause
 - a) Subordinate
 - b) Independent
 - iii) Phrases
 - iv) Adjectives phrase
 - v) Verb Phrase
 - vi) Prepositional Phrase