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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 TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other two questions.

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)
 - i) Phonetics and phonology
 - ii) Phoneme and allophone
 - iii) Free morpheme and bound morpheme
- d) Semantics explain lexical relations. Write synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences. (6 marks)
 - i) We saw a tiny child.

- ii) He hid the news from his mother and father.
- iii) He could not tolerate the noise.

QUESTION TWO

- 2. 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)
- b) Distinguish between:
 - i) Active and passive articulators. (4 marks)
 - ii) Voiced and voiceless sounds. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

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

QUESTION 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) Explain the relationship between the study of language and:
 - i) Sociology
 - ii) Psychology (6 marks)
- c) Differentiate between pictograms, ideograms, logograms. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR(20MARKS)

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