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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any Other Two.

1.
 - a) Explain FIVE functions of language (10 marks)
 - b) Discuss FIVE characteristics of language. (10 marks)
 - c) Explain the following terms:
 - i) Language
 - ii) Linguistics
 - iii) Morpheme
 - iv) Discourse
 - v) Phoneme (10 marks)
2.
 - a) Describe any FOUR branches of linguistics and explain what each deals with. (8 marks)
 - b) Using specific examples, explain FOUR sentence structures in English (12 marks)
3.
 - a) Explain the main differences between animal and human communication. (10 marks)
 - b) Explain the differences between free and bound morphemes. Give examples. (10 marks)
4.
 - a) Discuss semantic gap in communication and state FIVE possible causes. Give examples. (10 marks)
 - b) State THREE important features of linguistics (6 marks)
 - c) Explain your understanding of language family (4 marks)

5. a) Explain with examples SIX ways of achieving cohesion in a text . (6 marks)
- b) Explain four main classifications of discourse. Give examples of each.
(8 marks)
- c) State the structures used in the following sentences:
- i) Ivy bought herself a house
 - ii) While walking along the drive, I picked a lovely golden watch.
 - iii) Swimming is my favorite sport.
 - iv) Either you need to work harder or you need to change the course.
 - 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)