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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: LIN 110

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF
LANGUAGE**

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER, 2019

TIME: 9.00AM-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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LIN 110: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

STREAM: BED (Arts)

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

Question One

- a) Explain with illustrations, any FIVE properties of human language. (15 Marks)
- b) Using suitable illustrations discuss any THREE theories that attempt to explain the origins of human language. (12 Marks)
- c) Identify any THREE ways of classifying human languages. (3 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Distinguish between *language acquisition* and *language learning*. (10 Marks)
- b) Language enables us to engage in a variety of actions. Using appropriate examples, discuss this assertion. (10 Marks)

Question Three

- a) Explain the concept of *localization* as used in the study of linguistics. (4 Marks)
- b) Distinguish between the terms *denotation* and *connotation* giving an illustration of each. (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss the relationship between *language* and *the brain*. (10 Marks)

Question Four

- a) Using appropriate illustrations differentiate between *malapropism* and *spoonerism*. (6 Marks)
- b) Define the term *language universals*. (2 Marks)
- c) Identify and illustrate any FOUR language universals. (8 Marks)
- d) State any FOUR levels of linguistic study. (4 Marks)

Question Five

With reference to English as the target language, explain each of the following terms as used in the study of language:

- i. Langue and parole (4 Marks)
- ii. Signifier and signified (4 Marks)
- iii. Motherese (4 Marks)
- iv. Innateness (4 Marks)
- v. Critical age hypothesis (4 Marks)
