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SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 111

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: 1ST FEBRUARY, 2021

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

EITHER

- a) Define language, a language and linguistics (6 marks)
- b) Why is human language described as species specific, give three reasons (6 marks)
- c) State three reasons why it is difficult to accurately identify the number of languages in the world. (6 marks)
- d) Distinguish between linguistic relativity and linguistic determinism. (6 marks)
- e) Explain any three usefulness of Linguistics as a profession. (6 marks)

OR

- a) With clear illustrations, differentiate between the following concepts as used in the study of language (16 marks)
 - i) First language (L1) and Second language (L2)
 - ii) creativity and prevarication
 - iii) Natural language and Artificial language
 - iv) Strategic competence and Communicative competence
- b) "Language is argued to be a purely human phenomenon". Justify the validity of the statement. (10 marks)
- c) "Linguistics is defined as the scientific study of language". State any FOUR characteristics that qualify the study of language scientific. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the properties of human language that makes it uniquely human. (12 marks)
- b) Explain the view that sign language is a complete language. (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With clear examples, discuss any FIVE functions of language.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

With clear illustrations where possible, examine how language and society are related?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

"Speech develops and becomes more elaborated as the child begins using more and more language". Explain the stages in a child's acquisition process of a first language (L1).

QUESTION SIX (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the relationship between languages, culture and thought. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss any five differences between language acquisition and language learning. (10 marks)