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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 111.

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: 29TH SEPTEMBER, 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) Provide three meanings of the concept 'grammar'   (6 marks)

b) Explain your understanding of the following properties of human language   (6 marks)

    i. Duality   ii. Discreteness   iii. Productivity

c) For each of the following language families; Afro-Asiatic, Nilo-Saharan and Niger-Congo,

    identify three languages spoken in Kenya that belong to each family   (6 marks)

d) State the three branches of phonetics and their main concerns   (6 marks)

e) Describe three methods used in linguistic study and research that makes it a   (6 marks)

OR

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)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Discuss five similarities between First and Second language acquisition process (10 marks)

b) In detail, discuss the view that language, culture and thought are closely related (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (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 FOUR (20 MARKS)

With clear examples, discuss any FIVE functions of language.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

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

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)