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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 111.

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: 21ST JULY, 2022   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)

(a) Explain any three meanings of the term 'language'   (6 marks)

(b) State three ways in which animal communication is different from human language   (6 marks)

(c) Identify any three sources of the origin language then explain their strength   (6 marks)

(d) Describe three factors that determine language acquisition rate   (6 marks)

(e) Explain the Romance language family, its membership and where they are spoken   (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

(a) Define linguistics and state why it is considered a social science   (4 marks)

(b) Explain three differences between first and second language acquisition processes   (6 marks)

(c) In detail, explain how language, culture and thought are closely related   (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

(a) Discuss the distribution of the Niger-Congo language family on the African continent using specific

examples of individual languages   (10 marks)

(b) When is a language said to be safe, vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered or dead (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

(a) What is prescriptive linguistics and provide any three prescriptive rules in English   (4 marks)

(b) Distinguish between major and minor branches of linguistics with illustrations   (4 marks)

(c) Discuss what the following branches of linguistics are concerned with   12 marks)

(i) Forensic Linguistics   (ii) Computational Linguistics   (iii) Psycholinguistics

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

(a) Discuss the core branches of linguistics and explain why they are called 'core'   (12 marks)

(b) Explain what computational linguists do in the study of human language   (8 marks)