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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PRIMARY OPTION)

PLLE 0171: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: DIPLOMA ARTS (PART TIME)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 06/10/2021

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**

- (a) Define the term linguistics. (2 marks)
 - (b) Explain the following branches of linguistics briefly (12 marks)
 - (i) Syntax
 - (ii) Morphology
 - (iii) Phonetics for phonology
 - (iv) Sociolinguistics
 - (v) Pragmatics and semantics
 - (vi) Applied linguistics
 - (c) With suitable examples, distinguish between written and spoken language. (6 marks)
 - (d) Explain the difference between human and other primates in terms of speech apparatus. (4 marks)
 - (e) Distinguish between prescriptive and descriptive linguistics. (6 marks)
2. Discuss five properties of human language. (20 marks)
3. (a) With suitable examples, explain what it is that a person knows when he/she is said to know language. (4 marks)

- (b) Discuss the relationship between linguistics and the following disciplines. (16 marks)
- (i) History
 - (ii) Geography
 - (iii) Psychology
 - (iv) Sociology
4. Discuss any four theories that explain the origin of human language stating their strengths and weaknesses. (20 marks)
5. Discuss any two other means of communication to distinguish them from language. (20 marks)
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