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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS**

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: B.ED ARTS (PART TIME)

TIME: 2

HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 05/10/2021

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in language studies. (10 marks)

 - (i) Mutual intelligibility
 - (ii) Proto-language
 - (iii) Fixed reference
 - (iv) Language acquisition device
 - (v) Onomatopoeic words

(b) Differentiate between the following

 - (i) Language acquisition and language learning
 - (ii) Phonology and phonetics (10 marks)

(c) Briefly discuss the differences between animal and human languages. (10 marks)
2. (a) Human beings are able to produce language, unlike other creatures because of their physiological adaptation. Discuss this statement. (12 marks)

(b) Briefly explain any four language universals. (8 marks)
3. Language is a system of arbitrary symbols used for communication. Discuss this statement. (20 marks)

4. When do we say that a person knows a language? Discuss. (20 marks)
 5. (a) Discuss the natural sound theory of language origins and present its weakness. (10 marks)
(b) Briefly discuss displacement as a property of human language. (10 marks)
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