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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer question 1 and any other two**

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in language studies: (10 marks)
- (i) Onomatopoeic words
 - (ii) Non-directionality
 - (iii) Language Acquisition Device (LAD)
 - (iv) Multilingualism
 - (v) Language death
- (b) Identify any six language universals. (6 marks)
- (c) Language came from a divine source. What are the three weaknesses of this claim? (6 marks)
- (d) Discuss the relationship between:
- (i) Linguistics and sociology (4 marks)
 - (ii) Linguistics and literature (4 marks)
2. Discuss the difference between human and animal languages pertaining to the following properties:
- (a) Cultural transmission (10 marks)
 - (b) Displacement (10 marks)

3. Discuss what it is that a person knows when he/she is said to know a language. (20 marks)
4. (a) Human beings are physiologically adapted for the production of language. Discuss this statement (12 marks)
- (b) Language is a system of arbitrary symbols used for communication. Discuss this statement. (8 marks)
5. Discuss productivity as a property of human languages. (20 marks)
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