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

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED ARTS & BA

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: (8 marks)
 - (a) Onomatopoeic words
 - (b) Fixed reference
 - (c) Linguistic competence
 - (d) Language universals

(b) Briefly discuss the relationship between linguistics and:
(i) Literature (3 marks)
(ii) Sociology (3 marks)

(c) Human beings are born with an innate capacity for language. Briefly qualify this statement. (6 marks)

(d) Discuss the main tenets of the natural sound source theory of language origins and present its weaknesses. (10 marks)
2. Discuss the difference between human and animal language 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 the major writing systems of the world. (20 marks)
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