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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 09/08/2019

8.30 AM – 10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Only Three Questions
- Question One is Compulsory

1. (a) Define the term linguistics and describe the various branches of linguistics. [12 marks]
 - (b) Using clear illustration, differentiate between a communicative signal and an unintentional informative signal. [4 marks]
 - (c) Displacement is a key feature in human language. Discuss how the property is exhibited in bee communication. [10 marks]
 - (d) Describe the term language lateralization. [4 marks]
2. (a) Describe the term 'Productivity' as used in human language. [6 marks]
 - (b) Discuss the term linguistic universal and identify at least six linguistic universals. [14 marks]
3. Giving clear illustrations, describe what it means to know language. [20 marks]

4. (a) Explain briefly the Natural Sound Source as a theory of origin of language. [10 marks]

(b) Describe the major writing systems of the world. [10 marks]

5. (a) Discuss the various functions of language as proposed by Geoffrey Leech (1974). [10 marks]

(b) Differentiate between the spoken language and the written language. [10 marks]
