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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: TUESDAY 03/12/2019

8.30 AM – 10.30 AM

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: [8 marks]
 - (i) Phonetics and phonology
 - (ii) Language learning and language acquisition
- (c) Identify any four differences between animal and human languages. [8 marks]
- (d) Discuss the relationship between language and politics. [4 marks]
2. (a) Discuss the natural sound source theory of language origins and present its weaknesses. [10 marks]
- (b) Briefly discuss displacement as a property of human language. [10 marks]
3. Discuss what it is that a person knows when he/she is said to know a language.

4. (a) Human beings are able to produce language, unlike other creatures, because of their physiological adaptations. Discuss this statement. [20 marks]
[12 marks]
- (b) Briefly explain any four language universals. [8 marks]
5. Language is a system of arbitrary symbols used for communication. Discuss this statement. [8 marks]
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