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

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS:Y4S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 4/12/2017

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions in all. Question one is compulsory**

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in language studies. [8marks]
 - (i) Mutual intelligibility
 - (ii) Rapid fade
 - (iii) Onomatopoeic words
 - (iv) Proto language

(b) With close reference to properties of human language, explain the differences between human and animal communication. [12marks]

(c) Identify any six language universals. [6marks]

(d) Discuss the relationship between Linguistics and Sociology. [4marks]
2. Discuss the Divine Source theory of language origins and present its weaknesses. [20marks]
3. Every speaker of a language is said to know a language. Explain the linguistic knowledge these speakers possess. [20marks]

4. Human beings have certain physiological adaptations that may explain why they produce the language they do. Discuss this statement. [20marks]
 5. The human brain is lateralized for the production of language . Supply evidence to support this claim. [20marks]
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