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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) Y1S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/4/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER  
TWO QUESTIONS**

1. (a) Discuss any four defining characteristics of language. [12 marks]
  - (b) Discuss any three functions of language. [6 marks]
  - (c) Using appropriate examples, explain three branches of linguistics. [12 marks]
  2. What is the difference between speech and writing as communication channels? [20 marks]
  3. With some elaboration, discuss any five properties that are common to all human languages. [20 marks]
  4. Critically discuss five theories on the origin of language. [20 marks]
  5. (a) Explain the linguistic basis for studying animal communication. [5 marks]
  - (b) Explain the following writing systems of the world, citing appropriate examples
    - (i) Logographic [5 marks]
    - (ii) Syllabic writing [5 marks]
    - (iii) Alphabetic system [5 marks]
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