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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) S.B

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 09/08/2018

11.30 AM – 1.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and any other Two

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in language studies: [10 marks]
- (i) Language acquisition device
 - (ii) Rapid fade
 - (iii) Onomatopoeic words
 - (iv) Proto Language
 - (v) Mutual intelligibility
- (b) Identify any six facts that hold true for all natural languages. [6 marks]
- (c) With close reference to properties of human language, explain any four differences between human and animal communication. [8 marks]
- (d) Discuss the relationship between linguistics and:
- (i) Sociology [3 marks]
 - (ii) Literature [3 marks]
2. Language is a system of arbitrary symbols used for communication. Discuss this statement. [20 marks]
3. Human beings are able to produce language unlike all the other creatures because of their physiological features. Discuss this statement. [20 marks]

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4. With clear examples, explain any four things that a person knows when s/he is said to know a language. [20 marks]
5. (a) Human beings do not inherit language. Discuss this statement. [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss the Divine Source theory of language origins and present its weaknesses. [10 marks]
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