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SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 312: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) Y3S2 SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 5/12/2018

11.30 A.M - 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer **THREE** Questions in all
- Question **ONE** is **COMPULSORY**
- Do not write anything on the question paper

1. What do you understand by the following?
 - (i) Phonemic analysis [6 Marks]
 - (ii) Morphophonemic analysis [6 Marks]
 - (iii) Phonological reconstruction [6 Marks]
 - (iv) Internal reconstruction [6 Marks]
 - (v) Proto language [6 Marks]
2. Using examples, differentiate between glottochronology and lexicostatistics. [20 Marks]
3. Discuss five causes of language change and language maintenance. [20 Marks]
4. Using examples distinguish between Grimm's Law and Verner's Law. [20 Marks]
5. Explain the meaning of the following terms as used in Historical and Comparative Linguistics:
 - (i) Dialect [4 Marks]
 - (ii) Synchronic [4 Mark]
 - (iii) Family tree model [4 Marks]
 - (iv) Wave model [4 Marks]
 - (v) Diachronic [4 Marks]