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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
BACHELOR IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

STREAMS: BA, B /ED

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 14/12/2020

11.30 A.M -1.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory.

1. a) Explain briefly what it means to “know “ a language. (5 Marks)  
b) Give three examples of language universals, with illustrations from English and your own language. (9 Marks)  
c) Differentiate between  
i) diachronic and synchronic linguistics (4 Marks)  
ii) prescriptive and descriptive linguistics (4 Marks)  
iii) voiced and voiceless sounds (4 marks)  
iv) Free and bound morphemes
2. Discuss five properties of human language. (20 Marks)
3. a) Discuss four classifications of speech sounds according to place of articulation with examples. (16 Marks)  
b) Describe the underlined sounds according to manner and place of articulation. (4 Marks)  
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- 4.a) Discuss any four phrases with examples (12 Marks)  
b) Explain the following concepts with examples.  
i) Main and subordinate clause. (4 Marks)

ii) Compound and complex sentence. (4 Marks)

5 a) Define these terms as used in language (5 Marks)

i) Pragmatics

ii) Semantics

b) Discuss the following semantic relations with examples. (15 Marks)

i) Homophony

ii) Homonymy

iii) Synonymy

iv) Polysemy

v) Antonymy

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