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RESIT/SPECIAL EXAMINATION**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ENGL 351: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS**

STREAMS: B.ED

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 31/08/2023

11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M.

INSTITUTIONS:

Answer Question one and any other two questions

- 1 a) Discuss the morphological typology in the classification of languages. (20 marks)
 - b) Explain the difference between synchronic and diachronic approaches to language study (4 marks)
 - c) Explain the meaning of the following terms:
 - i. Language isolate (2 marks)
 - ii. Proto-Indo-European (2 marks)
 - iii. Cognate set (2 marks)
 2. Show the different ways in which a language may change lexically. (20 marks)
 3. Describe how the comparative method is carried out. (20 marks)
 4. Discuss three sound change laws. (20 marks)
 5. Discuss six language families of the world. (20 marks)
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