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EDUCATION ARTS WITH IT**

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KISII CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: AEN 101

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

EXAM VENUE: STREAM: (BED)

DATE: EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE

- a. Give a theoretical definition of the term language as used in linguistics. (2 marks)
- b. Explain how the terms dialect, accent and register are used in studies investigating the relationship between language and society. (6marks)
- c. Explain the two major functions of language. (4 marks)
- d. Define the six levels of language analysis. (6 marks)
- e. Identify four factors that cause variation in language use. (4 marks)
- f. Briefly describe the distribution and function of the language clusters in Kenya. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Distinguish between the spoken and written varieties of language. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Giving appropriate illustrations, demonstrate that language is exclusively what distinguishes humans from other primates. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Define the term language planning and explain the goals of language planning. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Explain any two theories that have provided valuable insight into the origin and development of human language. (20 marks)