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EDUCATION ARTS WITH IT**

1stYEAR 2nd SEMESTER 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

KISII CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: AEN 102

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

EXAM VENUE: LR 17

STREAM: (BED Arts with IT.)

DATE:26/04/17

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00 AM

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer all questions in section A and any other 2 questions in Section B.**
- 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**

SECTION A Answer all questions in this section (30 marks)

QUESTION ONE {30MKS}

- i. "Man is the only being who can learn language " Discuss the validity of this statement. (5mks)
- ii. What makes human language different from other forms of communication?(4mks)
- iii. Justify the meaning of linguistics as a scientific study of language. (6mks)
- iv. Describe briefly the role of the brain in language development.(2mks)
- v. Describe the following speech sounds using the parameters for their description.
 - a. /p/ 2mks
 - b. /dʒ/ 2mks
- vi. Differentiate between phonetics and phonology. (3mks)
- vii. Explain the difference between homonymy, polysemy and synonymy.(6mks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO-20mks

- i) Basing your response on language as a universal system, discuss the view that all languages share common properties inherent in all languages.(14mks)
- ii) Nancy claims to know her language. What is the essence of such claim?(6mks)

QUESTION THREE-20mks

- i) Discuss using relevant examples any five levels of linguistic analysis. (10mks)
- ii) Explain the meaning of these concepts as used in linguistics.
 - i. Micro linguistics and macrolinguistics
 - ii. Synchronic and diachronic linguistics
 - iii. Competence and performance. (10mks)

QUESTION FOUR-20mks

- i. What is aphasia? (2mks)
- ii. Briefly outline the two types of aphasia. (4mks)
- iii. Explain how English vowels are described. (3mks)
- iv. Explain why Ferdinand de'Saussure is regarded as the father of Modern linguistics. (3mks)
- v. Describe how linguistics is related to the following disciplines:
 - a) Sociology (2mks)
 - b) History (2mks)
 - c) Psychology (2mks)
 - d) Geography (2mks)

QUESTION FIVE-20mks

Either

- a) Discuss the view that, “there is a constant evolution of new terms and new uses of old terms as a sign of vitality and creativeness in the way language is shaped by the needs of the users”

OR

- b) Discuss any five sense relations in the domain of semantics and pragmatics.