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COURSE CODE: AEN 102

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (BED)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION: AUGUST-DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1. a) Ferdinand de Saussure has been described as ‘the father of modern linguistics’. Discuss his three influential ideas that have shaped the direction of modern Linguistics **(15 marks)**

b) Contrast Chomsky’s ideas of Competence and Performance to de Saussure’s Langue and Parole. **(15 Marks)**

Q2. With appropriate examples, explain the following levels of linguistic analysis. **(20 marks)**

i) Semantics

ii) Phonology

iii) Syntax

iv) Pragmatics

Q3. Briefly outline the properties of linguistics as “scientific study”. **(20 Marks)**

Q4. Draw a distinction between **synchronic** and **diachronic** types of linguistic study. **(20 Marks)**

Q5. Compare Kenya’s language policy to that of South Africa. **(20 Marks)**