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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS WITH IT**

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER 2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

MAIN CAMPUS-SB

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.**

1. a) State any four universals of human language. (4 marks)
b) Discuss any four properties that make human language different from animal language. (12 marks)
c) Differentiate between speech and writing. (6 marks)
d) Explain the following concepts. (8 marks)
 - i) Diachronic and Synchronic linguistics
 - ii) Prescriptive and Descriptive linguistics.

2. a) Discuss any four Natural sound theories explaining the origin of language. (12 marks)
c) Describe the notions artificial and sign language. (8 marks)

3. a) Outline any four functions of language. (4 marks)
b) Making reference to specific parts of the brain, discuss the importance of the brain to language. (6 marks)
c) Providing advantages and disadvantages for each, discuss pictograms, ideograms and logograms as forms of early writing of the world. (10 marks)

4. Explain in detail the following concepts. (20 marks)
 - i) Dialect
 - ii) Code switching
 - iii) Register
 - iv) Diglossia
 - v) Lingua Franca

5. Describe language according to Sapir, Chomsky and Hall. (20 marks)