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

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

MAIN CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: ZLB 9105

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (BED)

DATE: 20/12/2022

EXAM SESSION: 15.00-17.00PM

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.**

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) Explain the similarities between language studies in India and Europe. Cite the areas in which Indian-grammarians made important breakthroughs. (15 marks)

Q2. a) What are the objectives of linguistic study? (5 marks)

b) List and demonstrate the differences between four (4) linguistic levels of your choice (15 marks)

Q3. Identify and explain the basic characteristics of human language (20 marks)

Q4. Illustrate Chomsky’s definition of performance in contrast to competence with clear illustrations from your language (20 marks)

Q5. Considering all the hypotheses on the evolution of human language, which ones do you consider acceptable in explaining the origin of human language and why? (20 marks)