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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(CITY CAMPUS - SB)

AEN 102: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Date: 26th August, 2013

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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AEN 102 INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

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Answer Question ONE and any other two questions.

1. a) With illustrations, explain the concept of human language
b) Explain why it is very easy for a child to acquire language but quite difficult for a puppy to do so even when both grow up in the same environment. (30 mks)
2. With examples from any language you are familiar with, discuss the parameters that distinguish between consonant and vowel production. (20 mks)
3. With illustrations on style and register, show how language variation is a function of social factors. (20 mks)
4. Explain the main contribution of Noam Chomsky towards linguistic theory. (20 mks)
5. (a) With examples from any language, make a clear distinction between broad and narrow transcription.
(b) Provide a broad phonetic transcription of the following English words:
(i) joke (ii) chain (iii) change (iv) won
(v) confusion (vi) bomb (vii) ago (viii) young
(ix) smoke (x) therefore (20 mks)