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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

1ST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS.

COURSE CODE: AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

END OF SEMESTER I

DURATION: 3 HRS

DAY/TIME: FRIDAY 8.00AM – 11.00AM

DATE 25.11.2011-TF1

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two

Question One

- a) What is linguistics? **(2marks)**
- b) Citing relevant examples, explain three differences between human and animal communication. **(9marks)**
- c) Differentiate between active and passive articulators. Give examples. **(4marks)**
- d) i) What is Aphasia? **(2marks)**
- ii) Explain the following terms in relation to aphasia.
- Broca's Aphasia
 - Wernicke's Aphasia
- (6marks)**
- e) Explain the following phonological terms:-
- i) Phoneme
 - ii) Phone
 - iii) Allophone
- (6marks)**

f) Construct an exclamatory sentence. **(1mark)**

Question Two

a) Using adequate illustrations, explain the following lexical relations:-

- i) Homophony
- ii) Polysemy
- iii) Hyponymy **(9marks)**

b) i) Define pragmatics? **(2marks)**

ii) Differentiate between cohesion and coherence. **(4marks)**

iii.) Briefly explain the theory of mentalism in relation to language acquisition. **(5marks)**

Question Three

Discuss the following theories of language origin.

- i.) Bow wow theory
- ii.) Evolution theory **(20marks)**

Question Four

i) Explain the relationship between language and history. **(8marks)**

ii) Differentiate between the following terms:-

- Free and bound morphemes
- Morphs and allomorphs. **(4marks)**

iii) Discuss the weaknesses of the divine theory of language origin. **(8marks)**