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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ARTS

ENGL 310: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS.

DAY: MONDAY

DATE: 23/11/2015

TIME: 10.00 –12.00 P.M

STREAM: Y3S1

INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30MKS)

- (a) Distinguish between synchrony and diachrony approaches to **Linguistics** studies. (5mks)
- (b) Briefly describe the scope of historical and comparative linguistics. (10mks)
- (c) Using the family tree model draw a family tree of your first language. (5mks)
- (d) Describe any four linguistics regions of the world regions in reference to areal classification. (10mks)

SECTION B.

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION.

2.

- (a) Using typological classifications give and explain any five syntactic types of languages. (10mks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate the following semantic changes in a language. (10mks)
 - i. Extension
 - ii. Narrowing
 - iii. Peroration
 - iv. Amelioration
 - v. Subreptions

3.

- a) Describe the morphological structure of the following types of languages. (10mks)
 - (i) Agglutinating languages

(ii) Fusional languages

(iii) Incorporating languages

b) Give the procedure employed in undertaking lexicostatics or glottochronology. (10mks)

4.

(a) Make a description of any major language family of the world. (10mks)

(b) Explain the issues which have put the classification of African languages under disrepute. (10mks)

5. Make an exposition on the major causes of language change over time. (20mks)