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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN
EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: LIN110

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF
LANGUAGE**

DATE: 16TH FEBRUARY, 2021

TIME: 2.00 PM – 5.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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LIN110: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

STREAM: BED (Arts)

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

Question One

- a) Identify and explain with illustrations any **FOUR** properties of human language. (12 Marks)
- b) Discuss and provide illustrations for any **THREE** theories that attempt to explain the origins of human language. (12 Marks)
- c) Describe any **THREE** ways of classifying human languages. (6 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Distinguish between *language acquisition* and *language learning*. (10 Marks)
- b) Language enables us to engage in a variety of actions. Discuss this assertion and provide appropriate examples. (10 Marks)

Question Three

- a) Explain the concept of *localization* as used in the study of linguistics. (4 Marks)
- b) Distinguish between the terms *denotation* and *connotation* and give an illustration of each. (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss the relationship between language and the brain. (10 Marks)

Question Four

- a) Explain any **TWO** language disorders. (4 Marks)
- b) Identify and illustrate any **FOUR** language universals. (8 Marks)
- c) Discuss any **FOUR** levels of linguistic study. (8 Marks)

Question Five

Explain each of the following terms as used in the study of language:

- i. Langue and parole (4 Marks)
- ii. Signifier and signified (4 Marks)
- iii. Motherese (4 Marks)
- iv. Innateness (4 Marks)
- v. Critical age hypothesis (4 Marks)
