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THIRD SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 100: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

DATE: Thursday 27th July 2017

TIME: 2.00p.m-4.00p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **Question One** and any other **Two** Questions

Question One [Compulsory] (30 Marks)

- (a) Identify the morphemes in the following words and state whether they are free or bound.

[10 Marks]

- (i) Affordable
- (ii) Exaggeration
- (iii) Greenhouse
- (iv) Agreement
- (v) Handsome

- (b) With an example for each, distinguish between a morph and an allomorph. [6 Marks]

- (c) With two sentential examples for each, describe the following types of sentences.

[9 Marks]

- (i) Interrogative
- (ii) Imperative
- (iii) Declarative

- (d) Using an example of each, describe the difference between a main clause and a subordinate clause.

[5 Marks]

Question Two [20 Marks]

Discuss any four properties of human language and show how they contribute to the difference between human language and animal language.

Question Three [20 Marks]

- (a) Describe how linguistics relates to Sociology. [10 Marks]
- (b) Explain what is meant by the term “artificial language”. [10 Marks]

Question Four [20 Marks]

- (a) With examples for each, distinguish between conceptual and associative meaning. [8 Marks]
- (b) What is presupposition? [2 Marks]
- (c) With an example of each, describe what is meant by the following terms: [10 Marks]
 - (i) antonymy
 - (ii) homonymy
 - (iv) polysemy
 - (v) synonymy

Question Five [20 Marks]

- (a) Describe 3 parameters used in the description of vowel sounds. [6 Marks]
- (b) Draw and label the primary cardinal vowel chart. [5 Marks]
- (c) Distinguish between a phoneme, a phone and an allophone. [9 Marks]