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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

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: 21-01-2022

TIME: 09:00-12:00

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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LIN110: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE- REGULAR:  
MAIN

Stream: B.Ed (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) Explain the *innateness hypothesis* of human language (6 Marks)
- b) Distinguish between *competence* and *performance* as used in the study of language. (6 Marks)
- c) Explain any FIVE language universals. (10Marks)
- d) Describe TWO different kinds of *aphasia* (8 Marks)

**Question Two**

- a) Discuss any THREE characteristics of language. (12 Marks)
- b) Explain each of the concepts below as used I the study of language: (8 Marks)
  - i) Localization
  - ii) Lateralization
  - iii) Motherese
  - iv) Pragmatics

**Question Three**

Discuss any FOUR theories that have been used to explain the origin of human language. (20 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Discuss how linguistics is related to any FOUR other disciplines. (10 Marks)
- b) Demonstrate how some human organs are adapted to acquire and manipulate language. (10 Marks)

**Question Five**

- a) Explain the following concepts as used in the study of language: (12 Marks)
- i) Proto-language
  - ii) Langue and parole
  - iii) Prescriptive versus descriptive
- b) Discuss any TWO ways that can be used in the classification of world languages. (8 Marks)