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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION ARTS/BA (COMMUNICATION
AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES)**

ENGL 111: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY (11.30-13.30PM) DATE: 14/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Use three justifications to explain why Linguistics is described as a science (6 marks)
- b) Using adequate examples, describe the following features of human language (6 marks)
 - i) Discreteness
 - ii) Arbitrariness
 - iii) Duality
- c) Explain the Divine Origin theory of language and state its strengths and weaknesses (8 marks)
- d) Critically evaluate the importance of this course (ENGL 111: Introduction to Language) to you as a student of Linguistics. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Define artificial language and provide two examples (4 marks)
- (b) Discuss any three uses of artificial languages (6 marks)
- c) Clearly distinguish between the round dance and tail wagging dance in bee communication (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe pictograms as a writing system and provide their weakness and strengths (8 marks)
- b) Explain any four functions of language (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Using relevant sentential examples, explain the following branches of Linguistics (10 marks)
 - i. Syntax
 - ii. Phonology
 - iii. Semantics



iv. Morphology

- b) Animals have a system of communication but they do not have a language. Support this statement using five arguments. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how human beings are physiologically adapted to use language (10 marks)
b) What does one know when they know a language? (10 marks)

