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AEN 100: INTRODUCTIONS TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

TIME.....

DATE.....

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

1 (a) Give three reasons that make linguistic studies scientific (9marks).

1(b) Explain the difference between the following concepts:

- (i) Semantics and Pragmatics (4 marks)
- (ii) Phonology and Phonetics(4 marks)

(c) Explain cultural transmission and displacement as properties of human language (6 marks)

(d) Give any two differences between consonant and vowel sounds (8 marks)

2. (a) Discuss the Evolution Theory of language (10 marks)

(b) Explain two features that make human languages universal (6 marks)

(c) Using two examples, state the concern of phonology (4 marks)

3. Discuss the usefulness of phonetics (20 marks)

4. Define a sentence and, using examples of each, discuss any four types of sentences (20 marks)

5. Using five examples, explain how the knowledge that you have learnt in this unit is helpful to you as a teacher of language (20 marks)

