



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **ONE**
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: LIN 110

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 01/12/17

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Describe the following fundamental features of language. [10 marks]
- i. Arbitrariness
 - ii. Displacement
 - iii. Productivity
 - iv. Discreteness
 - v. Duality
- (b) Outline **three** reasons that account for the scientific nature of the study of language [3 marks]
- (c) Describe any **four** ways of carrying out linguistic analysis. [12 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- Discuss **any one** of the following theories in accounting for the origin of language: [15 marks]
- i. Evolution theory
 - ii. Divine Eminence theory
 - iii. Inventory theory
 - iv. Experiments with isolated infants

QUESTION THREE

- Discuss **any five** functions of language in any society. [15 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Identify **five** similarities between spoken and written language. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain **five** ways through which written language is different from spoken language [10 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- Describe the scope of linguistics in relation to the following disciplines: [15 marks]
- i. Sociology
 - ii. Psychology
 - iii. History
 - iv. Geography
 - v. Philosophy

QUESTION SIX

- Discuss the importance of the study of language and linguistics. [15 marks]

