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UNIVERSITY REGULAR EXAMINATIONS

2013/ 2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) - PSSP

COURSE CODE: LIT 110

COURSE TITLE: THE ART OF WRITING

DATE: 12TH AUGUST, 2014

TIME: 9:00A.M.-12NOON

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions
- Candidates are allowed **FIFTEEN** minutes to read through the question paper before commencement of the examination

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a) Define language (2 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between linguistic knowledge and linguistic performance (5 marks)
- c) Briefly explain the arbitrary relationship between form (sounds) and meaning (concept) of a language (8 marks)
- d) Discuss Noam Chomsky's argument that language acquisition in human beings is an innate ability (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Explain the main stages in language acquisition of a child (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain the difference between bilingual and multilingual (5 marks)
- b) Explain the following terms as used in language studies (10 marks)
 - i) Language acquisition
 - ii) Language learning
 - iii) Prescriptive grammar
 - iv) Descriptive grammar
 - v) Universal grammar (UG)
- c) Discuss the characteristics of human language (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain the difference between idiolect and dialect (5 marks)
- b) Briefly explain how culture influences an individual's use of language (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Describe Stephen Krashen input hypothesis of Language Acquisition (20 marks)