



KIBABII UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

[A Constituent College of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology]

UNIVERSITY REGULAR EXAMINATIONS

2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION [ARTS] - PSSP

COURSE CODE: LIT 110

COURSE TITLE: THE ART OF WRITING

DATE:

TIME:

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.

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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) Define 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)