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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN THREE [3] PAGES.

Answer ALL SIX [6] questions.

1. In order to fully understand the meaning of a sentence, we must also understand the context in which it was uttered. How does pragmatics contribute to the study of meaning?
(20 marks)
2. According to the cognitivists, how do children acquire language? Briefly describe the stages of child language acquisition.
(20 marks)
3. Differences in speech may be due to different factors. Describe the factors that can influence the way a person speaks.
(20 marks)
4. (a) What is 'slang'?
(6 marks)
(b) The following are some myths about 'slang'. Explain what about them is misconcieved.
 - i. Slang is bad and degrades the user and the language itself.
 - ii. Only young people use slang.
 - iii. There are languages that have no slang.
(9 marks)

5. Analyse the following data.

Isthmus Zapotec

Consider the following data from Isthmus Zapotec:

a.	[nee]	'foot'
b.	[kane]	'feet'
c.	[neebe]	'his foot'
d.	[kaneebe]	'his feet'
e.	[neelu?]	'your foot'
f.	[kaneetu]	'your (pl.) feet'
g.	[kaneedu]	'our feet'
h.	[kazigi]	'chins'
i.	[zigibe]	'his chin'
j.	[zigilu?]	'your chin'
k.	[kazigitu]	'your (pl.) chins'
l.	[kazigidu]	'our chins'
m.	[zike]	'shoulder'
n.	[zikebe]	'his shoulder'
o.	[kazikelu?]	'your shoulders'
p.	[diaga]	'ear'
q.	[kadiagatu]	'your (pl.) ears'
r.	[kadiagadu]	'our ears'
s.	[soze]	'father'

- i. List down all the morphemes of this language (in the data).
- ii. How is the plural formed in this language?
- iii. How does this differ from the English language?
- iv. What is the linear order of morphemes in this language (in terms of noun, possessive and plural)?
- v. How would you say the following in this language?

'our fathers' _____

'your (pl.) fathers' _____

(15 marks)

6. Assume that the sentences in A are related to the corresponding sentences in B by a transformation.

(a) Describe the transformation that 'converts' A into B.

(2 marks)

(b) Draw tree diagrams to represent each of the sentences.

(8 marks)

A

- . The experienced surgeon sewed up the wound
- . The security guard stole the exquisite priceless gem and the art masterpiece from the museum.

B

- . The experienced surgeon sewed the wound up
- . The exquisite, priceless gem and art masterpiece was stolen from the museum by the security guard.

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