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This Examination paper contains SEVEN (7) questions in TWO (2) pages.

Answer SIX (6) questions. FOUR (4) from Section A, QUESTION NO. 6 from Section B and QUESTION NO. 7 from Section C MUST be answered.

SECTION A - Answer any FOUR (4) questions (68 marks)

Each question shouldn't exceed 600 words

1. What constitutes knowing a language? Discuss this in terms of a speaker's linguistic competence and performance.
2. What is PRAGMATICS? Why is the study of pragmatics important to the study of meaning in general?
3. "All speakers of English can talk to each other and pretty much understand each other. Yet no two speakers speak exactly alike. Some differences are due to age, sex, state of health, size, personality, emotional state and personal idiosyncracies."

What other differences can influence a person's speech and why is it important for us to be aware of these differences?

4. "Children do not wake up one morning with a fully formed grammar in their heads or with all the rules of social and communicative intercourse."

How then does a child acquire language and what are the stages in this language acquisition process?

5. "A basic question pondered at some time or other by all human language users is whether or not any other species also has a real language. Certainly other species have forms of communication, but 'communication' is not synonymous with 'language'."

Discuss the features that make a 'true language' different from a 'communication system'.

SECTION B - This question MUST be answered

6. Explain the following terms. Include examples in your explanation.

(20 marks)

- (a) morphophonemic rules
- (b) dialects
- (c) generative grammar
- (d) baby talk
- (e) jargon
- (f) synthetic sentences
- (g) performative sentences
- (h) inflectional morphemes
- (i) sonorants
- (j) Onomatopoeic words.

SECTION C - This question MUST be answered

7. DRAW THE DEEP AND SURFACE STRUCTURES for the following sentences.

(12 marks)

- (a) The clowns left the handicapped children in the front row of the circus laughing in their chairs.
- (b) She fell on the prickly cactus by the side of the deserted, long, dark path.
- (c) The lonely spinster who lives in the rambling, old house adore children who like cherry ice cream.
- (d) Fairuz is stubborn and Siti is spoilt and stubborn.