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HET 515 - LINGUISTIC STUDIES

Duration : 2 hours

Please check that this examination paper contains TWO printed pages before you begin the examination.

There are SIX questions in TWO sections. Answer THREE questions, at least ONE from each section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

1. Speech production is the result of TWO major activities, an activity that initiates the flow of air (i.e. initiation) and an activity that modulates or articulates the airstream (i.e. articulation), generating various types of speech sounds. Explain the TWO major activities mentioned above. Support your answer with examples and diagrams.
[100 marks]

2. The laryngeal system is made up of a skeletal frame formed by a series of cartilages. Describe the anatomical structure of various cartilages that make up the laryngeal system and explain various phonatory types of the glottis as a result of varied and complex laryngeal muscular activities. Illustrate your answer with diagrams.
[100 marks]

3. Demonstrate how a word can be transformed into various grammatical categories through affixation processes (affix morphemes). Illustrate in a sequence how the structures of the derived words can be represented using tree diagrams.
[100 marks]

Section B

4. *Performance presupposes competence but competence does not presuppose performance.* Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
[100 marks]

5. Discuss the THREE criteria for determining word category. Support your answer with relevant examples.
[100 marks]

6. Discuss the following statement:

We can understand the notion of meaning by looking at our semantic competence.

Clarify your answer with your own examples.

[100 marks]