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**HET 123 – A Study of Language**

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

Answer **ALL** the questions.

1. Write short notes for the following concepts in phonology.

- [a] assimilation
- [b] complementary distribution
- [c] dissimilation
- [d] free variation

[12 marks]

2. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Name the following diacritic marks. Explain the function of each mark.

- [I]    □ □ □
- [II]   □ □ □
- [III] □ 1 □ □
- [IV] □ ʌ □

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[b] Provide detail transcriptions for the following words.

[i] bump

[ii] path

[iii] tall

[iv] proof

[v] bowl

[vi] taps

[vii] golf

[viii] camp

[12 marks]

3. Provide tree diagrams for the following sentences:

[a] The villagers believe the hungry tigers frighten the goats.

[b] Those beavers in the tranquil pond built a dam.

[c] The richest person in the office of my workplace walks to work.

[d] The house on the hill belongs to my great grandfather.

[12 marks]

4. With appropriate examples, discuss the following terms:

[a] Isoglosses

[b] Dialect and Accent

[c] Presupposition

[d] Implicature

[e] Situational context

[12 marks]

5. Explain the semantic ambiguity of the following sentences by providing two sentences that paraphrase the multiple meanings.

[a] Sandy loves him more than Sarah.

[b] Flying planes can be dangerous.

[c] The chicken is ready to eat.

[d] Visiting lecturers are not allowed in this university.

[e] I saw the man walked away with my mother.

[10 marks]

6. Answer [a], [b] and [c].

[a] With appropriate examples, define the following concepts.

[i] Bound and free morpheme

[ii] Inflectional and derivational

[b] Separate the affixes from the roots in the following words and divide them into inflectional and derivational.

*disestablishment, comprehended, incomprehensible, neighbourhoods, conformists, recovered*

[c] Then draw tree diagrams for each of the above words.

[26 marks]