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INSTRUCTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer all questions.2. Read all the questions carefully before answering.3. Make sure your name and surname, question number, and the date appear on the answer script.4. Please ensure that your writing is legible, neat and presentable.

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QUESTION 1

1.1 Match each linguistic term in Column A with the correct definition in Column B. Write only the number and the correct letter in your answer book, e.g.1=A (10)

Column A	Column B
1. Phone	A. A morpheme that cannot stand alone and must attach to another morpheme
2. Allophone	B. The broader or real-world application of a word's meaning
3. Morphology	C. A word with only one morpheme
4. Monomorphemic word	D. A morpheme that can stand alone as a word
5. Polymorphemic word	E. A word with multiple related meanings
6. Free morpheme	F. A morpheme that changes the grammatical category of a word
7. Bound morpheme	G. The study of the structure and formation of words
8. Inflectional morpheme	H. A word that sounds the same as another but has a different meaning
9. Polysemy	I. A word consisting of more than one morpheme.
10. Semantics	J. A variation of a phoneme that does not change meaning.
	K. The smallest unit of sound in a language
	L. The core or essential meaning of a word
	M. Words that have opposite meanings
	N. The study of meaning in language
	O. A morpheme that modifies a word's tense, number, or degree without changing its class

1.2 Indicate whether the following statements are true or false. (10)

- (a) All human languages share the same properties, including arbitrariness and displacement.
- (b) Displacement in language means that humans can only talk about things happening in the present.
- (c) Ferdinand de Saussure is considered the father of modern linguistics.
- (d) In English, word order plays a crucial role in sentence meaning.
- (e) Phonetics deals with the physical sounds of speech, while phonology focuses on their function in a language.
- (f) Morphology is the study of the smallest units of sound in a language.
- (g) The sounds represented by the letters 'p' in 'pin' and 'spin' are allophones of the same phoneme.
- (h) Tree diagrams are used in linguistics to represent the structure of sentences.
- (i) The sentence 'Visiting relatives can be fun' is ambiguous because it can mean two different things.
- (j) A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound that can change meaning in a language.

QUESTION 2

2.1 Discuss the three branches of phonetics that you have learned in this course. (10)

2.2 Write short explanatory notes on the following word formation methods. Use examples to clarify your answers.

- (a) Affixation (5)
- (b) Blending (5)

QUESTION 3

3.1 Identify the parts of speech of the underlined word from the sentences below. (6)

- (a) You need to be gentle with fragile children.
- (b) He dealt with her in a gentle manner.
- (c) The new teacher is very gentle with the children.

3.2 Name the type of phrases underlined in the sentences below. (4)

(a) A woman in the window shouted for help.

(b) He is sleeping on the carpet.

(c) She is writing a letter.

(d) The racer was running very fast.

3.3 From the lists of words below, write down five (5) pairs of minimal pairs. (10)

Pit, cob, pet, hell, map, base, road, breeze, lung, ship, moss, vase, hill, thing, this, load, clothe, rung

QUESTION 4

4.1 Observe the following short paragraph.

Some recently conducted studies highlight how web technologies and social media used by academics; for instance, where academicians explicitly target blogs and wikis for their benefits. Their competency to promote interaction and cooperation between students of the same level across academic borders and non-academicians is one of the most well-known advantages of social media.

(a) The word wikis is formed through (2)

(i) Borrowing

(ii) Acronym

(iii) Blending

(iv) Coining

(b) Indicate whether the following statements are correct or incorrect. (2)

(i) The word "studies" has an inflectional morpheme.

(ii) The word "competency" has a derivational morpheme.

(c) Write the correct form of the word in bold by adding a suitable suffix: (4)

(i) The waiter brought the food in a circle tray.

(ii) The school encourages active involve of parents in their children's activities.

4.2 Mention the semantic relationship expressed by the following sentences. (2)

(a) George is a pig.

(b) Bob killed Charles. Charles is not alive.

4.3 Determine whether the following are cases of homonymy or polysemy. (2)

(a) (i) My dog would always bark at mailmen.

(ii) The tree's bark was a rusty brown.

(b) (i) The newspaper got wet in the rain.

(ii) The newspaper fired some of its editing staff.

4.4 Draw a tree diagram for the following sentence: (8)

The boy kicks the ball.

QUESTION 5

5.1 Complete the table below with the appropriate terms of intention and extension. (5)

Word	Extension	Intention
Building		
Car		
Woman		
Book		
Computer		

5.2 In this course, we analysed how various scholars propose different theories regarding the origins of language. In an essay of approximately 150-200 words, clearly discuss the theories of language's origin covered in this course. (15)

TOTAL= 100 MARKS