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**DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE**  
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**COURSE TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE II**

**COURSE CODE : IDE-AL112**

**TIME ALLOCATION: THREE (3) HOURS**

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. Answer Four (4) questions in all**
  - 2. Choose Two (2) Questions from Section A**
  - 3. Choose Two (2) Questions from Section B**

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**SECTION A: SYNTAX**

**Question 1**

- a) Briefly discuss the following linguistic terms then state your views on each.
  - i. LAD
  - ii. Critical Period
  - iii. Competence and Performance [15]
  
- b) Compare and contrast ANY two theories of first language acquisition. State your own views on each of the theories discussed. [10]

**[25 marks]**

**Question 2**

- a) With the aid of examples from any language of your choice, define the following:
  - i. Substitution test
  - ii. Movement test
  - iii. Stand-alone test
  - iv. Cleft test [12]
  
- b) Using the examples given above, demonstrate false application of the substitution and movement tests. [6]
  
- c) What are the two meanings that can be derived from each of the following sentences;
  - i. They can fish
  - ii. Visiting relatives can be annoying [4]
  
- d) Each sentence in (c) above is an example of which type of ambiguity? Explain in detail. [3]

**[25 marks]**

**Question 3**

- a) Draw phrase structure trees for the following sentences
- i. The fisherman thinks that an accident injured a woman. [10]
  - ii. The cyclist drank a gallon of water and a litre of milk. [10]
- b) From the structure in (i) above, identify one set of sister nodes, two examples of direct domination, and two examples of indirect domination.

[5]

[25 marks]

**SECTION B: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

**Question 4**

- a) Who proposed the four maxims of conversation under the cooperative Principle? [1]
- b) There are four maxims of conversation namely; maxim of quality, quantity, relation and manner. With the use of examples from a language of your choice, explain each maxim in detail. [12]
- c) Sometimes in a conversation, participants violate the maxims of conversation knowingly or otherwise. Discuss the four ways in which one can violate the maxims, giving examples where possible. [12]

**[25 marks]**

**Question 5**

- a) Identify five Speech Act labels. In a language of your choice, give utterances that would fall under each label. [10]
- b) Give three felicity conditions under which the utterance “*I now baptise thee in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*’ would be felicitous. [12]
- c) Give one condition under which the above utterance would misfire. [3]

**[25 marks]**

**Question 6**

- a) With the aid of examples from a language of your choice, explain the difference between the following linguistic terms:
- i. Syntax and semantics
  - ii. Presupposition and entailment
  - iii. Illocution and perlocution
  - iv. Explicit Performatives and Implicit Performatives [20]
- b) Identify the five categories under which Speech Acts are classified. Give an example of a speech Act label under each classification. [5]

**[25 marks]**