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SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS
FIRST SEMESTER, 2021/2022
(JULY, 2022)

LING 113: INTRODUCTION TO INDEGENEOUS LANGUAGES

STREAM: Y1 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 11:30 – 1:30 P.M.

DATE: 25/07/2022

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions***

1. Define the following terms using appropriate examples:
 - a. Indigenous language (6 marks)
 - b. Genetic similarity (6 marks)
 - c. A cognate (6 marks)
 - d. Ideophone (6 marks)
 - e. Comparative method (6 marks)
2. With reference to the PHYLA that your language belongs to, give any seven features that qualify it to be classified under it. (20 marks)
3. Which unique phonetic and phonological features distinguish African Languages from those of the rest of the world. (20 Marks)
4. Which Morpho-syntactic issues have puzzled linguists that study African Indigenous Languages and why? (20 Marks).
5. Which evidence can be adduced to indicate that African languages have changed over time. (20 Marks)