

Republic of Yemen Hodeidah University Zabid College of Education Department of English Date: 16/11/2013	In the name of Allah October-Exam 	Level & Course: 2nd Year English Subject: Introduction to Language 1 Time: 3 hours Total marks: 150 Teacher: Dr. Abdullah Shaghi
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I. Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F): (4 x 10 = 40 marks)

1. Language is a symbol system based on pure arbitrary conventions. ()
2. It is the feature of all languages that new utterances are continually being created. ()
3. The phonemic sounds used in language are meaningfully distinct. ()
4. The general study of Language is structurally organized at five levels or subsystems. ()
5. There is no natural connection between a linguistic form and its meaning. ()
6. Human speech is based on the concept of IPA sounds. ()
7. A language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbols used for human communications. ()
8. The combination <b.o.o.k> join to form a meaningful word 'book'. ()
9. Linguists agree that many animals are able to communicate, but they do not have 'human language'. ()
10. Signs are composed of sounds, gestures, or letters, depending on spoken, signed, or written language. ()

II. Use these 5 terms: (Standard Arabic, Language, Standard English (SE), Signs, A standard language) to complete the following statements appropriately. (6 x 5 = 30 marks)

1. _____ is a language variety used by a group of people in their public discourse.
2. _____ represent sounds, gestures, or letters.
3. _____ is a variety of Arabic used in writing and in most formal speech.
4. _____ is the variety of English expected in formal communication in various disciplines.
5. _____, as Sapir said, is human and non-instinctive.

III. Define briefly any four of the following topics . (4 x 10 = 40 marks)

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| 1. Standard English | 2. Language |
| 3. Phonology | 4. A phoneme |
| 5. Signs | 6. Standard Arabic |

IV. Write short notes with examples on any four of the following topics: (4 x 10 = 40 marks)

1. Introduction to Language 1
2. Difference between voiced and voiceless articulation
3. Phonemes
4. IPA
5. Standard Language,
6. Standard English
7. Standard Arabic
8. The general study of Language

Best wishes & good luck!
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