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Exercise one: 5 marks

Define the following:

Linguistics: The scientific study of language

Language and medium: means of communication through speech or writing.

Phonology: the study of speech sounds of a particular language.

Phonetics: the study of articulation, transmission, and perception of language sound system.

Morphology: the study of morphemes, the smallest units of meaning or grammar

Exercise two: 4 marks

What is the **difference** between:

A phoneme and a morpheme: the smallest unit of sound/the smallest unit of meaning

Free and bound morphemes: free have meaning by their own (lexical, functional); bound cannot stand alone (affixes)

Phones and allophones: phones change the meaning; allophones do not, they are variations of the same phone

Minimal pairs and sets: two words differ in one sound. / More than two words differ in one sound.

Exercise three: 3 marks

Match the characteristics of language with their appropriate definitions:

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| 1.. Arbitrariness | a. The continuous creation of new expressions and novel utterances by manipulating their linguistic resources to describe new objects and situations |
| 2.. Productivity | b. The process whereby a language is passed from one generation to the next |
| 3.. Duality
its meaning | c. There is no 'natural' connection between a linguistic form and |
| 4. Displacement
time.. | d. The ability of human language to refer to past and future |
| 5. Cultural transmission | e. The two levels or layers that simultaneously organize the human language. |

Exercise four: 8 marks

Speech is prior to writing in different ways mention them and define them.