

Answer ALL questions.

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QUIZ 1

1. List five properties of human language.

(5 marks)

- Productivity
- Discreteness
- Displacement
- Arbitrariness
- Cultural transmission

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2. Briefly, define language.

(5 marks)

Language are arbitrary sound produce using organs of speech organs the vocal organs for communication of ideas within a group of people.

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3. State five characteristic features of human language.

(5 marks)

- learning
- A system of symbols
- System of arbitrariness
- Dynamic in language
- produced using the vocal cord or organs

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4. List five of Roman Jakobson's functions of language.

(5 marks)

- metalingual function
- poetic function
- conative function
- referential function
- expressive or emotional function

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5. Explain the historical difference between speech and writing.

(5 marks)

Speech was the first medium of communication in the humanity before the introduction of writing by the Sumerians.

Speech is the first form of communication the child learns before acquiring skills in writing.

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1. State the three parameters for describing consonants. (6 marks)

Manner of articulation ✓
Global or Glottis ✗
Place of articulation ✓

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State of the glottis

2. State six places of articulation of English consonants. (6 marks)

Glottis ✗
Dental ✓
Labiodental ✓
palato alveolar ✓
alveolar ✓
Velar velum ✗ Bilabial

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3. State the six manners of articulation of English consonant sounds. (6 marks)

plosive ✓
Affricate ✓ Affricates
Fricative ✓ fricatives
Approximant ✓
lateral ✓ Lateral
Global ✗ Nasals

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4. Describe the following consonants. (e.g.: /t/ - voiceless alveolar stop) (6 marks)

i. /tʃ/ - voiceless affricate fricative, alveolar ✗ voiceless
ii. /dʒ/ - voiced, palate ✗ Voiced labial palato-alveolar affricate
iii. /v/ - voiced labiodental, ✗ Voiced bilabial fricative
iv. /h/ - voiceless glottal ✗ Glottal voiceless fricative
v. /ŋ/ - voiced palato alveolar palato ✗ Voiced nasal velar
vi. /ʒ/ - voiced Affricate ✗ voiced palatal fricative

5. Identify the underlined consonants in the following words. (e.g.: zing - /k/) (6 marks)

i. three - /θ/ ✓
ii. date - /t/ ✓
iii. suggest - /g/ ✗
iv. graph - /g/ ✓
v. school - /tʃ/ ✗
vi. praise - /s/ ✗

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