


Republic of Yemen Hodeidah University Zabid College of Education Department of English Date: Sunday 04/01/2015	In the name of Allah Final 1 st Semester Exam (Repeaters) 	Level & Course: 2nd Year English Subject: Introduction to Language 1 Time: 3 hours Total marks: 150 Teacher: Dr. Abdullah Shaghi
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Name of the student: **Enrollment No.:**

Question No.	I	II	III	IV	Total
Marks Scored					
Maximum Marks	40	30	40	40	150

I. Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F): (4 x 10 = 40 marks)

- Everybody can define "language," but cannot give a comprehensive definition. ()
- A sign is a sound, a gesture, or a letter dependent on spoken/signed/written language. ()
- Language is a kind of means of communication among human beings. ()
- /b/, /s/, and /m/ represent 3 consonants/phonemes in English, Arabic & many languages. ()
- The course provides an introduction to the scientific study of human language. ()
- The combination <p.e.n> joins to form a meaningful word 'pen' in English. ()
- A language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbols used for human communications. ()
- Language, as Sapir said, is human and non-instinctive. ()
- A Standard Arabic (SA) is a variety of Arabic used in writing and in most formal speech. ()
- The general study of Language is organizationally structured at five levels. ()

II. Use these 5 terms: [(i) A sign, (ii) A Standard Arabic (SA), (iii) A Language, (iv) A Standard Language (SL), (v) A Standard English (SE)] to complete the following statements appropriately. (6x5=30 marks)

- _____ is a language variety used by a group of people in their public discourse.
- _____ is a sound, a gesture, or a letter.
- _____ is a variety of Arabic used in writing and in most formal speech.
- _____ is a variety of English expected in formal communication in various disciplines.
- _____ is "human and non-instinctive," as said by Sapir.

III. Define briefly, on the space below, any FOUR of the following topics. (4x10=40 marks)

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| 1. Standard English | 4. A Language | 7. Phonology |
| 2. Morphology | 5. Animal Communication | 8. Standard English |
| 3. IPA | 6. Standard Arabic | 9. Syntax |

IV. Write, on the space provided below and back of this sheet, short notes with examples on any FOUR of the following topics: (4 x 10 = 40 marks)

- Introduction to Language 1
- Any Definition of Language
- Standard English
- Standard Language
- The general study of Language
- Standard Arabic
- Human Language
- Voiceless Phonemes vs. Voiced Phonemes

Best wishes & good luck!

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