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COURSE CODE: ENG453

COURSE TITLE: Language and National Development

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any **4** Questions (*All questions carry equal marks.*)

1. a. According to Sapir (1921) language is a purely human and non-instinctive method of communicating ideas, emotions and desires by means of voluntarily produced symbol. Discuss this definition of language with reference to your community.
2. Mention and Discuss five characteristics of language and mention how these attribute contribute to the use of language for national development.
3. Highlight and discuss five functions of language and identify the specific communal examples.
4. Mention and explain two sources of language and explain their relevance to national development.
5. Discuss the social interaction source of language in relation to its use to nation building in your immediate and remote environment.