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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: ENG453

**COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE AND NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 3 Questions

1. Demonstrate your understanding of language in relation to the transmission of culture. (23marks)
2. Using cogent examples, discuss arbitrariness as a characteristic of language. (Two pages) (23marks)
3. “No human language is superior to the other.” Discuss. (23 marks)
4. ‘English is a blessing to Nigeria’. Argue for or against this assertion. (23 marks)
5. What is language family tree? Provide examples of family trees in relation to Nigerian language family trees. (23marks)