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## University Examinations 2024/2025

### FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

#### EEL 3401: SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five differences between first and second language Acquisition (10 marks)
- b) Differentiate between language learning and language acquisition (6 marks)
- c) State two central notions in the behaviorist's theory of language learning (4 marks)
- d) Distinguish between interlingual and intralingual errors. (5 marks)
- e) What is corrective feedback in error analysis? (2 marks)
- f) Describe how working memory impacts second language Acquisition (3 marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the five stages of second language acquisition (20 marks)

#### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss any three recent trends in second language Acquisition Research (20 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the causes of fossilization in second language Acquisition and explain the strategies for preventing fossilization (20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Describe the tenets of the sociocultural approaches to second language Acquisition (20 marks)