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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EEL 3250: PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

DATE: APRIL 2024   TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Different scholars have defined psycholinguistics differently. Briefly explain any 3 definitions.   (6 Marks)

b) What is your understanding by the following concepts in language learning?   (8 Marks)

    i.   First language

    ii.   Second language

    iii.   Mother tongue

    iv.   Foreign language

c) According to Emily Dickson, the brain is wider than the sky and deeper than the sea. Discuss any four parts of the human brain involved in language acquisition   (8 Marks)

d) Differentiate between competency and performance in language use   (4 Marks)

e) Discus any four types of aphasia as neuro-linguistics disorder   (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Discuss some of the sub-disciplines within psycholinguistics   (10 Marks)

b) Show various factors affecting first language acquisition   (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) A child acquiring a new language undergoes several stages. Explain the stages of language acquisition.   (10 Marks)

b) What are some of the speech and language milestone involved in language learning

(10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) How do children acquire the following linguistic skills   (12 Marks)
   i.   Semantics
   ii.   Phonology
   iii. Morphology
   iv.   Syntax
   v.   Discourse

b) What are various types of mental grammar   (8 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Discuss any three theories of linguistics that support the notion that we are born with innate capacity to generate/ learn language   (12 Marks)

b) Discuss any four neuro-linguistics disorders   (8 Marks)