



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 303: SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DATE: 14/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following linguistics concepts as used in second language acquisition:
 - i. Performance (2 marks)
 - ii. competence (2 marks)
 - iii. target language (2 marks)
- b) Explain how pedagogy is useful in Foreign Language Teaching (4 marks)
- c) Explain the notion of reinforcement to second language teaching (4 marks)
- d) Discuss the characteristics of Language Acquisition Device (5 marks)
- e) Differentiate language learning and language acquisition according to Krashen (1981) (3 marks)
- f) Using two examples, explain how old habits can be a hindrance to second language learning (3 marks)
- g) Explain why second language teaching is a part of Applied Linguistics (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using examples, describe the relevance of the hierarchical order of the linguistic code to second language acquisition.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss THREE characteristics of the interlanguage Theory (12 marks)
- b) Discuss the relevance of the Acculturation Model to second language acquisition (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Showing the relevance of the Monitor Model to second language teaching, discuss its tenets

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Outline the FIVE hypotheses in Krashen's (1981) Monitor Model Theory (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the two factors that are central to Schumann's Acculturation Model (10 marks)