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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 306: PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 1/8/2017

TIME : 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

1.
 - (a) Define the following linguistic terms:
 - (i) aphasia (2 marks)
 - (ii) psycholinguistics (1 mark)
 - (iii) discourse analysis (1 mark)
 - (iv) text analysis (1 mark)
 - (b) What is the difference between language learning and language acquisition. (2 marks)
 - (c) Using an example of each, explain the difference between receptive and expressive language. (4 marks)
 - (d) Explain how Wernicke's area is related to both Broca's area and the motor area in the production of speech. (4 marks)
 - (e) Using one example of each, outline any five characteristics in the input theory of language acquisition. (10 marks)
 - (f) Outline the five stages in a child's first year of life that lead to language acquisition. (5 marks)
2. Using examples from any other language but English, discuss the imitation and innateness theories of language acquisition. (20 marks)

3. Using examples, analyze four ways of processing sentences. (20 marks)
4. (a) Discuss Chomsky's linguistic theory regarding language acquisition. (10 marks)
(b) Explain the difference between the acquisition of the 1st and 2nd language. (10 marks)
5. Explain how psycholinguistics can be useful to you after the completion of your degree programme. (20 marks)