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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 303: SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DATE: 25/8/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Giving examples, explain any four simplification strategies that second language learners may use in the process of acquisition. (20 marks)
- b) Differentiate between ‘intralingual’ and ‘interlingual’ errors giving examples. (10 marks)
2. Summarize the claims of behaviourist psychology on second language acquisition using the concepts of habits and errors. (20 marks)
3. Using your own examples and illustrations, discuss any FOUR stages of Error Analysis. (20 marks)
4. a) Critically define the term “applied Linguistics”. (10 marks)
- b) Explain some practical areas where ‘applied linguistics is useful (10 marks)
5. a) Define the term ‘interlanguage’ and provide three of its essential features. (11 marks)
- b) In which three ways did Selinker explain the causation of an interlanguage? Give examples. (9 marks)