



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 306: PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 10/8/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following linguistic terms:
 - i. Aphasia (2 marks)
 - ii. Psycholinguistics (1 mark)
 - iii. Spoonerism (1 mark)
 - iv. Language competence (1 mark)
- b) Explain the difference between language learning and language acquisition. (2 marks)
- c) Explain the language production stages of formulating and articulating. (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)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using examples from any other language but English, discuss the following theories of language acquisition.

- a) Imitation (10 marks)
- b) Innateness (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

One acquiring or learning a language can use a number of discourse categorizations. Using examples from any language, discuss any five of these categories.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss B. F. Skinner's theory regarding language acquisition (10 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between the acquisition of the 1st and 2nd language. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Pick any four topics that you have studied in AEN 306 and explain how they can be of use to you in understanding language acquisition.