



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 306: PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 2/9/2022

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- Explain how speech errors and tip of the tongue experiences inform us about the nature of speech production system. (6 marks)
- Describe the three most common forms of aphasia. (6 marks)
- Explain any 3 reasons why cognitive psychologists study language (6 marks)
- Outline the stages in a child's first year of life that lead to language acquisition. (6 marks)
- Describe the stages of speech processing (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- Assess any **FIVE** cognitive processes that are key in the study of language (10 marks)
- Describe the effect of prior knowledge on reading and language comprehension (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Critically examine the following theories of language acquisition.

- Behaviorist theory (10 marks)
- Innateness (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe any four communicative competencies that a child should acquire when learning first language (8 marks)
- b) One acquiring or learning a language can use a number of discourse categorizations. Using examples from any language, discuss any six of these categories (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following language comprehension processes: (10 marks)
 - i. Lexical Processing
 - ii. Sentence Processing
- b) One of the dominant ideas about language comprehension and memory is that people represent information at multiple levels. Examine these levels (10 marks)