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MAIN CAMPUS PART-TIME PROGRAMME
INSTITUTIONAL BASED

COURSE CODE: AEN 314

COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DATE: 20/08/19

EXAMS SESSION: 3.00 – 5.00PM

TIME: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory

Answer any other two questions

Question One: Compulsory (30 Marks)

- a) What is the difference between first language and second language? (4 Marks)
- b) What is child language acquisition? Describe the five stages in child language acquisition. (10 Marks)
- c) Explain the differences in the acquisition of L1 and L2. (6 Marks)
- d) What are the characteristics of motherese speech? (10 Marks)

Question Two (20 Marks)

Discuss the following hypothesis in the monitor-model showing how their knowledge would help a language teacher.

- i. The monitor hypothesis (10 Marks)
- ii. The input hypothesis (10 Marks)

Question Three (20 Marks)

What is Universal Grammar and what is its role in explaining language acquisition?

Question Four (20 Marks)

Describe two major theories of first language acquisition. Choose the theory you consider most tenable and substantiate your response.

Question Five (20 Marks)

- i. What is, in your opinion, the role of input in L2 instruction? (10 Marks).
- ii. What is interlanguage theory (IL)? What are the main characteristics of IL? Provide examples (10 Marks).