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2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
1ST YEAR 2ND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN
LINGUISTICS
MAIN CAMPUS (REGULAR)

COURSE CODE: ZLM 2104

COURSE TITLE: ISSUES IN LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

VENUE: STREAM: BED-ARTS

DATE: EXAM SESSION: APRIL 2024

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Any 3 Questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

1. 'Language acquisition is free of environmental influences and depends entirely on the cognitive processes' Discuss the veracity of this statement (20 MARKS)
2. Illustrate the importance of applied linguistics in the area of language teaching. (20 Marks)
3. Give a comprehensive illustration of how individual differences affect language learning. (20 Marks)
4. Compare the salient points of Krashen's Input Hypothesis and Selinker's interlanguage theory. (20 Marks)
5. "Language acquisition and language learning are fundamentally different". Give a critique of this statement. (20 Marks)