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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG 491
COURSE TITLE: Advanced Psycholinguistics
COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units
Time Allowed: Three (3) Hours
Instruction: Answer any four questions

- 1a. Apart from Noam Chomsky mention five scholars that have greatly contributed to the development for psycholinguistics.
- 1b. Identify and explain five important features human language can be characterised with.
- 1c. Do you think that psycholinguistics has in any way it can affect your life?
- 2a. Describe the connection between structure and process as it pertains to issues in psycholinguistics.
- 2b. Differentiate between the following pairs as issues of psycholinguistics: i. communicative competence and linguistic competence ii. Language acquisition and language learning
- 2c. Explain four classifications that justify the biological basis of language acquisition.
- 3a. In a child's language development, the role of a caregiver cannot be overstressed. Discuss.
- 3b. Syntax and semantics have close relationship. Discuss.
- 3c. What are the two reasons why a listener can easily decode the import of an utterance according to Pisoni?
- 4a. Discuss the principles that are to be born in mind for parsing to be effective.
- 4b. Distinguish between Cascade Selection Theory and Discrete Selection Theory.
- 5a. Explain the following terms. i. Aphasia ii. Cerebral Vascular Accident iii. Cerebrum
- 5b. Describe the part of the brain responsible for language production.