

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER: PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: ENG 402

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. This paper has four (4) questions.
 2. Question 1 is compulsory.
 3. Choose one other question from Question 2 to Question 4.
 4. Question 1 is worth forty (40) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.
 5. The presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions and appropriate language structures.
 6. Good language will attract credit.

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Question 1 (Compulsory)

- (a) (i) What is *lateralization*? (5 marks)
- (ii) Explain how the following provide evidence for brain lateralization:
- A. Split-Brain patients (10 marks)
- B. Wada Test (10 marks)
- (b) What is the function of the acoustic level in the 'Speech Chain'? (5 marks)
- (c) Discuss in detail Broca's Aphasia. (10 marks)

[40 marks]

Question 2

Explain how the following theories help us to understand the processes of first language acquisition:

- (a) Innateness Theory (10 marks)
- (b) Behaviourist Theory (10 marks)

[20 marks]

Question 3

Discuss in detail the five (5) stages of second language acquisition.

[20 marks]

Question 4

Discuss the relevance of the following factors in second language acquisition:

- (a) language transfer (5 marks)
- (b) age (5 marks)
- (c) affective factors (5 marks)
- (d) motivation (5 marks)

[20 marks]