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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER: PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLINGUISTICS.

COURSE CODE: ENG 402/IDE-ENG 402

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. THIS PAPER HAS FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.

2. ANSWER **TWO** (2) QUESTIONS ONLY.

QUESTION **ONE** (1) IS COMPULSORY, AND IS WORTH

40 MARKS.

3. CHOOSE THE SECOND QUESTION FROM QUESTIONS 2

TO QUESTION 4. THESE ARE WORTH **20** MARKS EACH.

4. PROPER USE OF LANGUAGE IS A REQUIREMENT.

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Question 1

- a) (i) What is the focus of psycholinguistics? (5)
 (ii) The study of psycholinguistics is linked to other disciplines. Identify two such disciplines and explain how the two are linked to psycholinguistics. (10)
- b) What is the distinction between first language acquisition and second language acquisition? List the stages of development for each. (15)
- c) What do you understand by these theories:
 (i) Behaviorist Theory
 (ii) Nativist Theory (10)

[40 marks]**Question 2**

Discuss in detail the anatomy of the brain that helps us understand the abstract functions of the brain when processing language.

Question 3

What do you understand by the following?

- a) The input and output channels of the 'Language Switchboard'. (5)
 b) The 'linguistic system' and the 'articulatory events' in the 'Speech Chain' (5)
 c) The functions thalamus and hypothalamus (5)
 d) Lateralization. (5)

[20 marks]**Question 4**

As a language specialist, write a report on how you would identify a client with language problems resulting from Broca's and Wernicke's Aphasia. Explain to those responsible for the client the causes of the conditions that make the client unable to use language effectively.