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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SUPPLEMENTARY 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 4. THESE ARE WORTH **20** MARKS EACH.

4. PROPER USE OF LANGUAGE IS A REQUIREMENT.

**This paper should not be opened until permission has been granted by the
invigilator.**

- a) Distinguish between sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics. (10 marks)
 - b) What do you understand by the following:
 - (i) Chomsky's Language Acquisition Device. (10 marks)
 - (ii) Lenneberg's Critical Period Hypothesis. (10 marks)
 - c) Explain the functions of the articulatory system and auditory system in processing the oral linguistic signal as illustrated in the 'Speech Chain'. (10 marks)
- [40 marks]

Question 2

Second language acquisition is characterized by interlanguage and fossilization. What is the distinction between the two?

[20 marks]

Question 3

What is lateralization? Explain how the Wernicke's aphasia and split-brain patients provide evidence for brain lateralization.

[20 marks]

Question 4

Discuss in detail the mental processes involved in the production and perception of oral/spoken discourse and graphic/written discourse.

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