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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. Question 1 is compulsory, and it is worth 30 marks.**
 - 3. Choose one other question from questions 2 to 4. Each question is worth 20 marks.**
 - 4. Appropriate use of English and the use of linguistic conventions where necessary are essential in this paper.**

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Question 1 (compulsory)

- a) What is brain lateralization? (5)
- b) Briefly discuss five reasons that provide evidence for the presence of the 'Universal Grammar' principles in humans postulated by Noam Chomsky to support his 'Innateness Theory'. (10)
- c) Discuss the input-output events which Garman (1990) uses to explain the processes of the 'language switchboard'. (15)

[30 marks]

Question 2

Discuss any two theories Stephen Krashen proposes to explain second language acquisition for both children and adults.

[20 marks]

Question 3

The concept of 'competence' has evolved since it was introduced by Chomsky in 1965. Explain what Chomsky postulated, and then show how Hymes (1966), Canale and Swain (1980s) and Bachman (1990) reacted to Chomsky's Theory.

[20 marks]

Question 4

Briefly explain the following:

- a) The neurolinguistic levels in the 'Speech Chain'
- b) The corpus callosum
- c) the frontal lobes

- d) The thalamus
- e) The Feedback Link
- f) Linguistic performance
- g) Critical age period
- h) Psycholinguistics
- i) Memory
- j) Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation

[20 marks]