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FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION
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TITLE OF PAPER: PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: ENG402/IDE-ENG402

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. THIS PAPER HAS FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**
 - 2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY, AND IS WORTH 30 MARKS**
 - 3. CHOOSE ONE OTHER QUESTION FROM QUESTIONS 2 TO 4. EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 20 MARKS**
 - 4. NEATNESS AND APPROPRIATE USE OF ENGLISH ARE REQUIRED IN THIS PAPER.**
 - 5. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME, AND CLEARLY INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE IN IDE OR FULL TIME ON YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT.**

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Question 1

Explain clearly each of the following:

- a) Innateness Theory (10)
- b) Monitor and Input Hypotheses (10)
- c) The 'Language Switchboard' (10)

[30 marks]

Question 2

Describe the concrete and abstract activities that occur at the linguistic stage when producing and comprehending spoken messages.

[20 marks]

Question 3

What is lateralization? Discuss three pieces of evidence that support this notion.

[20 marks]

Question 4

Briefly explain the following terms:

- a) corpus callosum (2)
- b) contra-lateral connections (2)
- c) feedback link (2)
- d) intrinsic motivation (2)
- e) mental lexicon (2)
- f) linguistic competence (2)
- g) linguistic performance (2)
- h) efferent and afferent nerves (2)
- i) the temporal lobes (2)
- i) the thalamus (2)

[20 marks]