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THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(CITY CAMPUS)

AEN 314: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Date: 19th July, 2013

Time: 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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Q1. (a) Distinguish clearly what the following paired terms in Language Acquisition mean:

- a) Competence vs Performance
- b) Language transfer vs Learner strategies
- c) Second language vs Foreign language
- d) Nature vs Nurture
- e) Silent period vs Fossilization

(20 marks)

(b) Discuss, with illustrations, the difference between Bruner's Language Acquisition Support System and Chomsky's Language Acquisition Device. (10 marks)

Q 2. Discuss how Second Language Learning/Acquisition can be affected by the following factors:

- i) Group dynamics
- ii) Attitudes and motivation
- iii) Personality
- iv) Individual learning techniques
- v) Age

(20 marks)

Q 3. "The language of a learner is neither a first language nor the second language" (Selinker, 1989). Referring to this statement, evaluate Selinker's Interlanguage Theory in Second Language Acquisition. (20 marks)

Q 4. With examples, discuss the sources and inadequacies of Error Analysis (EA) as an approach to studying Second Language Learner's language.
(20 marks)

Q 5. "Krashen's Monitor Model provides a clear picture of language acquisition."
Assess the validity of this statement. (20 marks)