GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO** **SECOND** SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 223

COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 11/04/18   **TIME: 11.30-2.30 AM**

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- **The examination has SIX (6) questions**

- **Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY**

- **Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions**

- **Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary**

- **Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room**

- **Do not write on this paper**

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

(a) Define the following terms.   [**8 marks**]

    i.   Language Acquisition

    ii.   Language Learning

    iii.   First Language

    iv.   Foreign Language

(b) State the sure characteristics that differentiate human and animal's language behaviour [**5 marks**]

(c) State with examples the linguistic units that constitute a code in hierarchical order   [**12 marks**]

QUESTION TWO

(a) Illustrate weaknesses of the behaviourist approach of Second Language Acquisition (SLA).

[**6 marks**]

(b) Describe the phenomenon of *'overgeneralization'* in second language learning using illustrations.

[**4 marks**]

(c) Explain any one criticism of the Contrastive Analysis Theory.   [**5 marks**]

QUESTION THREE

(a) How did the behaviourists explain the strategy 'transfer' in second language learning? Give examples.   [**8 marks**]

(b) Using clear Illustrations, describe foreign language.   [**7 marks**]

QUESTION FOUR

(a) Illustrate the assumptions of Contrastive Analysis according to Richards (1974)   [**7 marks**]

(b) Using clear illustrations, explain any two forms of simplification as a learning strategy. [**8 marks**]

QUESTION FIVE

(a) Highlight the procedures in error analysis.   [**10 marks**]

(b) According to Taylor (1986), what are some of the sources of errors?   [**5 marks**]

QUESTION SIX

State and explain the notions that summarize the Behaviourist Theory of Language Learning.

[**15 marks**]