



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 BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 223

COURSE TITLE: SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 11/04/18

TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM

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) Distinguish between first language acquisition and second language learning. Provide relevant examples. [4 marks]
- (b) Explain **four** underlying reasons for the learning of English as a second language [8 marks]
- (c) Differentiate between errors and mistakes. [4 marks]
- (d) Outline **four** main ways on how a teacher of English can handle errors in a classroom context. [4 marks]
- (e) Outline **five** factors that affect second language acquisition. [5 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Compare and contrast between Contrastive Analysis and Error Analysis. [8 marks]
- (b) Give concrete examples to account for the weakness of each of the theories in (a) above [7 marks]

QUESTION THREE

Critically examine the Behaviourist theory of language learning in relation to the Innatist theory of universal grammar. [15 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Describe the four main stages of language acquisition. [8 marks]
- (b) Explain the three main processes that a learner goes through in acquiring the first language [7 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss any **one** of the following models that account for second language acquisition [15 marks]

- i. Inter-language theory
- ii. Krashen's Monitor Model and Input Hypothesis
- iii. Eckmann's Markedness and Differential Hypothesis

QUESTION SIX

- (a) Explain **five** factors that affect second language acquisition. [10 marks]
- (b) State **five** factors that demonstrate the importance of the study of language acquisition [5 marks]

