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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KEN 2413-PSYCHOLINGUISTICS**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term psycholinguistics. (2 marks)
- b) Explain any **three** scientific fields that are associated with psycholinguistics. (6 marks)
- c) What is the difference between infant directed speech and language acquisition? (6 marks)
- d) According to proponents of Cognitive Theory, how is first language acquired? (6 marks)
- e) Identify and explain any **three** main causes of language acquisition delay in children? (6 marks)
- f) What is the significance of teaching psycholinguistics in teacher training colleges and universities? (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Examine how the following theories account for language acquisition in children?

- a) Behaviourism Theory. (10 marks)
- b) Innateness Theory. (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE 20 MARKS**

Explore how the following conditions affect language development and learning in children.

- a) Aphasia. (5 marks)
- b) Slips of the ear. (5 marks)
- c) Agrammatism. (5 marks)
- d) Dyslexia. (5 marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Explain the main features of children language at the following stages:

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| 0-1 Year.    | (4 marks) |
| 1-3 years.   | (4 marks) |
| 3-5 years.   | (4 marks) |
| 5-10 years.  | (4 marks) |
| 11-18 years. | (4 marks) |

#### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Evaluate the truthfulness of the hypothesis that the structure of a language affects the world view of the speaker. Support your answer with examples. (10 marks)
  
- b) Explain any **three** language learning strategies that a child may depend on while striving to acquire a language. (10 marks)