



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 343: SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

2ND SEMESTER 2022/2023

TIME: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

Question 1.

- (a) Explain three main arguments of the mentalist theory stating the implications of each of the arguments for acquisition of language by children (10 marks)
- (b) Describe the difference between learning a language and acquiring a language (10 marks)
- (c) With illustrations, define the terms listed below
 - (i) Nativization (2 marks)
 - (ii) Fossilization (2 marks)
 - (iii) First language (1 mark)
 - (iv) Learner strategies (3 marks)
 - (v) Language acquisition device (2 marks)

Question 2.

- (a) Describe the linguistic characteristics of Universal Grammar as developed by Noam Chomsky (6 marks)
- (b) State and explain any three main features that distinguish Behaviorism and Innatism as models in language acquisition studies (6 marks)
- (c) Use examples to explain the concepts 'language acquisition' and 'language learning' (3 marks)

Question 3.

- ✓ Discuss any two of Stephen Krashen's hypotheses of Second Language Acquisition clearly highlighting their relevance to Second Language Teaching. (15 marks)

Question 4.

(a) State how acculturation factors may affect the rate of second language acquisition

(7 marks)

(b) Discuss factors that may narrow social distance hence promote the learning of a second language. Draw examples from the Kenyan context to support your answer. (8 marks)

Question 5.

Make distinctions between the following concepts as used in Second Language Acquisition research. (15 marks)

- (i) Input versus intake
- (ii) Inter-lingual errors versus intralingual errors
- (iii) First language versus foreign language
- (iv) Foreigner talk versus teacher talk
- (v) Language shock versus culture shock.