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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

ECT 516: LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION

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DATE: FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2010

TIME: 9.00 A.M. – 12.00 P.M.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

Question 1 – (Compulsory)

Discuss the factors that account for learner differences in Second Language Acquisition (SLA). (20 marks)

SECTION B – Answer any TWO Questions

Question 2

What does Second Language Acquisition (SLA) mean? Discuss your answer with reference to First Language Acquisition (FLA) and the centrality of concepts such as grammar, syntax, morphology, competence, performance, Acquisition and learning. (20 marks)

Question 3

Define and explain the following concepts related to Second Language Acquisition.

- i) Contrastive analysis (4 marks)
- ii) Error analysis (4 marks)
- iii) Interlanguage (4 marks)
- iv) Input (4 marks)
- v) Interaction (4 marks)

Question 4

Second Language Acquisition has several theories that have assumed central place in its research. Identify any two theories you have studied and critically analyse them with specific application to Second Language Acquisition and learning today. (20 marks)

Question 5

Discuss and distinguish the role of language and communication in the classroom teaching and learning. (20 marks)