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DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES)

ECE 203: LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

DATE: Sunday, 21st December, 2014

TIME: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **ALL** questions in Section A and any **TWO** in Section B.

Section A:

Answer **ALL** questions in this Section (30 marks)

1. Briefly describe the process of simultaneous language acquisition in young children. (6 marks)
2. Briefly describe children's language development from birth to the age of 2-years. (6 marks)
3. State the three parts of the left hemisphere of the brain that are concerned with language processing and describe the functions of each. (6 marks)
4. Briefly discuss factors that influence young children's phonological development in early childhood. (6 marks)

5. Briefly describe the characteristics of preschool children's language. (6 marks)

Section B:

Answer any **TWO** questions in this Section (40 marks)

6. a) Discuss language development according to Noam Chomsky's innate theory. (12 marks)
b) Discuss two implications of this theory for language teaching in schools (8 marks)
7. Discuss the cultural influences on language development and their implications for a multicultural environment. (20 marks)
8. A young mother has a cluttering child. She has consulted you with a need to know the causes of this language problem and how she can handle her child.
a) Describe the likely characteristics of this child's language (4 marks)
b) Discuss the likely causes of the child's fluency disorder. (4 marks)
c) What advice would you give the young mother? (12 marks)
9. Critically compare and contrast "Piaget's view" and "Vygotsky's view" on the relationship between language and thought. (20 marks)