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2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.ED ARTS (ENG/LIT)

COURSE CODE : LAC 2215
COURSE TITLE : LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DATE: 24/4/2023

TIME: 0830-1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question **ONE** is compulsory

Answer any other **TWO** question

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1. a) Explain the stages of first language acquisition. (20mks)

b) Discuss the concept of critical period in the study of language acquisition. (10mks)

2. Examine at least three theories used in the study of second language acquisition. (15mks)

3. Explain each of the following terminologies as used in language acquisition:

a) Fossilization

b) Acquisition and learning

c) Language Acquisition Device (LAD)

d) Overgeneralization

e) motherese / fatherese (15mks)

4. Explain how individual learner differences affect language learning. (15mks)

5. Discuss any 5 aspects of language malfunctioning. (15mks)

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