



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: LAC 2215

COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

DATE: 18TH APRIL, 2010

TIME: 0830 – 1030HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Question **ONE** is compulsory
- Answer any other **TWO** questions

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- Q1). a). Compare and contrast first and second language acquisition. **(10mks)**
b). Provide evidence on the biological argument for the existence of a critical period in language acquisition. **(10mks)**
c). Explain at least five principles of first language acquisition. **(10mks)**

Q2). a). Examine any two theoretical perspectives on first language acquisition. **(10mks)**

b). Explain any two forms of language malfunction in children. **(10mks)**

Q3). Explain the following terms as used in language acquisition:

- a). Overgeneralization. **(4mks)**
b). Acquisition/ learning **(4mks)**
c).LAD **(4mks)**
d).Lateralization **(4mks)**
e).Motherese **(4mks)**

Q4). State and explain the four models used in the study of L2 acquisition. **(20mks)**

Q5). a). Explain four factors that affect Second Language Acquisition. **(12mks)**

b). Examine how the following aspects are used in L2 acquisition.

- I). Target language **(2mks)**
II). Foreign language **(2mks)**
III). Primary language **(2mks)**
IV). Second language **(2mks)**

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