



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL
SCIENCES & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: LIN 9104

**COURSE TITLE: SECOND LANGUAGE
ACQUISITION**

DATE: 2ND FEB 2023

TIME: 2.30 PM-5.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Question One is Compulsory**
- **Answer Any Other TWO**
- ***This paper consists of 2. printed pages. Please turn over***

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

Q1. a) Compare L1 and L2 learners regarding the initial, intermediate and final states of language learning. **(15 marks)**

b) Explain the main tenets of The Input Hypothesis. **(5 marks)**

Q2. Explain how the following can be used to justify the Input Hypothesis in Second Language Acquisition:

The silent period **(5 marks)**

Age difference **(5 marks)**

Effect of exposure **(5 marks)**

Lack of access to comprehensible input **(5 marks)**

Q3. a) Distinguish between fossilization and Interlanguage. **(5 marks)**

b) Discuss the FIVE central processes of the Interlanguage. **(15 marks)**

Q4. Discuss the strategies that can be used by second language learners to learn a second language. **(20 marks)**

Q5. Discuss any TWO theoretical approaches to language acquisition that can be used explain how children acquire their SECOND LANGUAGE. **(20 marks)**

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