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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES...

2021_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 491

COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1. Write brief notes on the following characteristics of language:

- a) Arbitrariness (4 marks)
- b) Displacement (4 marks)
- c) Duality (4 marks)
- d) Discreteness (5½ marks)

(17½/45 minutes)

2. (a) Briefly explain LAD in relation to language acquisition. (3½ marks)

(b) Discuss the implications of the Critical Age Hypothesis in relation to language acquisition. (6 marks)

(c) Discuss with two examples the notion of ambiguity. (8 marks)

(17½/45 minutes)

3. (a) 'Psycholinguistic aims to model the way the mind works in relation to language'. Discuss (4 marks)

(b) Discuss Noam Chomsky's work in cognitive linguistics as a factor that contributed to the emergence of Psycholinguistics. (7 marks)

(c) Briefly explain the notion of speech comprehension. (6½ marks)

(17½/45 minutes)

4. (a) List and explain five types of slips of tongue. (5 marks)

(b) Explain four features of care giver's language. (8 marks)

(c) Discuss lexical selection and assemblage of words as aspects of speech production processes. **(4½ marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

5a) List Carroll (1999) four levels of processing of speech interpretation. **(4 marks)**

b) Discuss the models of Top-Down and Bottom-Up processing of speech interpretation. **(6 marks)**

c) Explain the auditory and phonetic levels of processing in speech recognition. **(7½ marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)