



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA,  
PLOT 91, CADASTRAL ZONE, JABI, ABUJA  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES  
**2020\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE CODE: ENG491  
COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOLINGUISTICS  
CREDIT UNITS: THREE  
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer Any **3** Questions (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional **1 mark.***)

1. (a) As an individual, how is it possible to personally experience psycholinguistics? (15 marks)  
(b) Illustrate your answer with two personal experiences of your own. (8 marks)  
(23 marks/40 minutes)
2. (a) Language and the mind and mind and language appear to be two distinct concepts. Examine them and bring out points of convergence and divergence in each. (13 marks)  
(b) As a scholar of Psycholinguistics, it should be possible for you to express a clear position on this controversy. (10 marks)  
(23 marks/40 minutes)
3. (a) Parenting or surrogate parenting usually requires that we have a language we use for children. Describe the language that you use for children in any of these roles? (8 marks)  
(b) Children's linguistic development can be facilitated by the caregiver language used for them. List six ways that this can be achieved (15 marks)  
(23 marks/40 minutes)
4. Interpretation is part of the linguistic processes in psycholinguistics. Do a critical analysis of the concept and how it contributes to the psycholinguistic field. (20 marks)  
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