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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES
2021_2 EXAMINATION²¹⁶⁷

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 models of speech recognition:

- a) Cohort Model **(6 marks)**
- b) Motor theory model **(6 marks)**
- c) Trace model **(5½ marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

2. (a) Differentiate between linguistic competence and performance. **(6 marks)**

(b) What are cooperative principles? **(3½ marks)**

(c) Explain Grice's maxims of cooperative principles. **(8 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

3. (a) What is parsing? **(3½ marks)**

(b) Identify and discuss Carroll's (1999) two principles of parsing procedure. **(6 marks)**

(c) Parse the following sentences into their components: **(8 marks)**

i) Ada went home.

ii) The man bought a television.

(17½/45 minutes)

4. (a) What is aphasia? **(3½ marks)**

(b) Identify and briefly discuss three types of aphasia. **(8 marks)**

(b) Discuss the notion of cognition in Psycholinguistics. **(6 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

5a) Compare the behaviourist and mentalist perspectives on child language acquisition.
(7½marks)

(b) Discuss five criteria in support of the biological foundations of language. **(10 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)