



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, JABI, ABUJA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

**2024\_2 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** ENG 491

**COURSE TITLE:** Advanced Psycholinguistics

**COURSE UNIT:** 3 Credit Units

**Time Allowed:** Three (3) Hours

**Instruction:** Answer any four questions

- 1a. There has been obvious disparity in the perception on psycholinguistics by psychologists and linguists. Discuss.
- 1b. Explain three obvious stages involved in language acquisition and encountered by the child linguistic acquirer and adult language learner.
- 1c. Identify two practical ways psycholinguistics can relate to our lives.
- 2a. Explain the structural operation of psycholinguistics.
- 2b. Animal communication differs considerably from that of man. Discuss.
- 2c. Identify and explain three aspects of linguistics universal in psycholinguistics and their operations.
- 3a. With your knowledge of cognition and language development, describe the cognitive process of a child between 12 months and 62 months.
- 3b. Explain with examples levels of meaning.
- 3c. What is the source of ambiguity in speech comprehension?
- 4a. What do you understand by parsing in relation to speech comprehension?
- 4b. Explain the necessary features that enable a parser to give a more effective interpretation of the message encountered.
- 4c. What are the categories involved in Carroll's Top-down and Bottom-up processing of interpretation?
- 5a. Elaborate on the four processes involved in the mechanism of speech.
- 5b. Discuss the major stages in the process of speech production.