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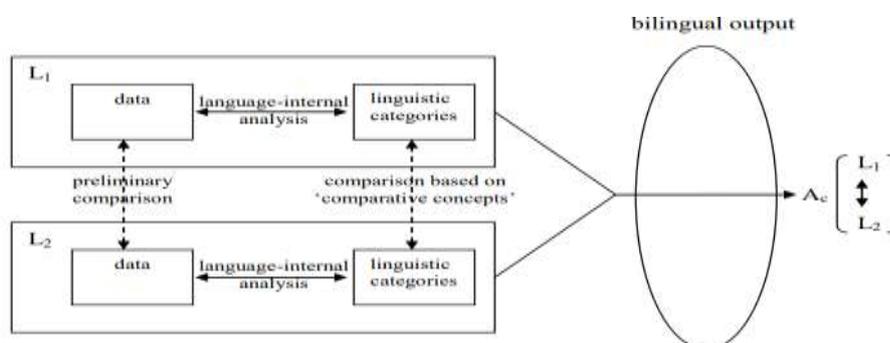
ENG812: CONTRASTIVE LINGUISTICS

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME: 3 1/2 HRS

There are **five** questions in this examination. Answer any **four** of your choice.

1. Write short notes to distinguish the following:
  - a. Language Transfer (8.5 marks)
  - b. Language Interference (9 marks)
  
2. How would you distinguish between Linguistic Competence and Communicative Competence? (17.5 marks)
  
3. Just like linguistic typology, contrastive linguistics has to face the problem of “comparability of incommensurable systems”. How can it tackle this problem? (17.5 marks)
  
4. a. What do you understand by Error Analysis? (7 marks)  
b. Explain the relevant techniques used for Error Analysis (10 marks).
  
5. a. Explain, in very simple terms, what the following diagram is communicating in contrastive analysis: (7.5 marks)



- b. Discuss the use of corpora in contrastive linguistics. (10 marks).