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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER: PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: ENG402 / IDE-ENG402

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. This paper has four (4) questions.**
 - 2. Question 1 is compulsory, and it is worth 30 marks.**
 - 3. Choose one other question from questions 2 to 4. Each question is worth 20 marks.**
 - 4. Appropriate use of English will attract credit.**

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Question 1

a) Explain the following concepts in relation to language acquisition:

i) Universal grammar (2)

ii) Interlanguage (5)

iii) The role of age in second language acquisition (5)

iv) Personal factors that may inhibit/promote second language acquisition (3)

(15 marks)

b) Describe the function of the Broca's Area, and explain what happens when this area is damaged. (15 marks)

[30 marks]

Question 2

Describe the location and abstract functions of the brain lobes.

[20 marks]

Question 3

Describe the abstract components of the linguistic signal (Garman 1990), and explain how these mechanisms interact to enable the individual to generate and perceive the linguistic signal.

[20 marks]

Question 4

a) Discuss two of Krashen's theories of second language acquisition. (10 marks)

b) What do you understand by the following?

i) Feedback Link (2)

ii) Acoustic Level (2)

iii) contralateral connections (2)

iv) corpus callosum (2)

v) cerebrum (2)

(10 marks)

[20 marks]