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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer FOUR [4] questions. Choose THREE [3] questions from Numbers 1 - 5 and QUESTION NO. 6 is COMPULSORY

Equal marks are allocated to All questions.

1. What evidence is there to support the notion that Language is INNATE?
2. What are the different views on the development of PHONOLOGY in first language acquisition? In your opinion, which is best and why?
3. How would you describe the relationship between LANGUAGE and COGNITION? Support your answer with examples and theoretical evidence.
4. Is there a critical period for learning a second language? How different is the process of second language acquisition in children from the same process in older learners? Support your answer with examples and other evidence.
5. There are some processes that psycholinguists, regardless of their school of thought, say take place in first language acquisition. What are the processes? Discuss them from both the Behaviourist and Generative point of view.

QUESTION NO. 6 IS COMPULSORY

6. (a) Reading to children is considered a good way of fostering early reading skills. WHY? What are some other ways of encouraging reading?
- (b) Describe what you would consider to be a 'Literate Home Environment'. Consider all the types and uses of print in that environment and how they contribute to the fostering of reading skills.

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