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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This paper contains SIX (6) questions on TWO [2] printed pages. Check that your paper is complete.

Answer TWO [2] Questions from Section A and TWO [2] Questions from Section B.

SECTION A

1. To what extent is linguistic development dependent on cognitive development? Compare the views of Chomsky and Piaget on this matter.

[25 marks]
2. Explain the differing views on the processes involved in first language acquisition. Evaluate these views and suggest which you prefer.

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3. What are the arguments for and against language acquisition as an innate ability? Discuss.

[25 marks]

SECTION B

4. Discuss Corder's assertion that learners' errors are significant in second language acquisition.

[25 marks]

5. The concept of interlanguage offers a general account of how second language acquisition takes place. Discuss.

[25 marks]

6. Krashen argues that acquisition will take place automatically if learners receive 'comprehensible input'. What counter arguments can you think of? Discuss.

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