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**HXE 205 – LANGUAGE LEARNING THEORIES**

Duration : 3 hours

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Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer any FOUR questions.

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1. Discuss, with examples, the roles of reinforcement in B.F Skinner's operant conditioning in language acquisition.

[25 marks]

2. Noam Chomsky proposed that language acquisition is innately determined; that is, children are biologically programmed for language. Discuss.

[25 marks]

3. What is lateralization? Discuss three different ways in which brain lateralization has been studied.

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4. Errors should be seen positively as an indication of learning. Discuss how Interlanguage theory holds this view and why.

[25 marks]

5. Krashen's Affective Filter hypothesis claims that a number of affective variables play a facilitative, but non-causal, role in second language acquisition. Discuss.

[25 marks]