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HXE 205 – Language Learning Theories

Time : 3 hours

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

Instructions:

Answer any **FOUR** questions. If a candidate answers more than four questions, only the first four questions in the answer sheet will be graded. **ALL** questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the similarities and differences between first language acquisition and second language acquisition.
2. Discuss the evidence for the hypothesis that children are biologically predisposed to acquire language.
3. Discuss Chomsky's criticisms of Skinner's behaviourist view of language learning.
4. Discuss the differences between the theories of Piaget and Vygotsky and how they complement one another.

5. Describe how the Contrastive Analysis Hypothesis failed to capture the exact nature of the role of the native language in second language acquisition, and how those problems are dealt with within current models of cross-linguistic influence.
6. How does Krashen's model of language acquisition and learning account for the differences between 'natural' acquisition in a native-speaking environment and what takes place in the classroom?