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**HXE 107 – THEORIES OF RECEPTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE  
SKILLS**

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 FOUR questions. Answer any TWO questions from Section A and any TWO question from Section B.

Section A

1. EITHER

Reading in a second language has been described as a psycholinguistic guessing game (Goodman, 1967). Discuss, with examples.

[100 marks]

OR

Discuss the strategies for reading comprehension which can be employed in order to read effectively.

[100 marks]

2. EITHER

What makes listening in a second/foreign language difficult?

[100 marks]

OR

Discuss, with examples, the principles that should be considered when designing listening activities.

[100 marks]

Section B

3. “The communicative approach to speaking makes sure that the interaction which takes place in the classroom is replications of, or necessary prerequisites for, a communicative operation” (Scott, 1981). Discuss, with examples.

[100 marks]

4. Compare and contrast the characteristics of the two productive skills of speaking and writing.

[100 marks]

5. Discuss the two different approaches to writing – process approach and product approach.

[100 marks]