

First Semester Examination 2019/2020 Academic Session

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HET326 - Psycholinguistics

Duration: 2 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of $\underline{\text{TWO}}$ (2) pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

answer any THREE (3) questions.

1. Language centres of the brain are in the cortex. Using appropriate examples, describe how the auditory, visual and motor cortex are responsible in the comprehension and production of language.

[100 marks]

2. Using suitable examples, explain how the study of errors in speech production and speech perception can give us insights into the mental organisation of language.

[100 marks]

3. Explain how our understanding of language disorders help us to recognise the localisation of language in the brain.

[100 marks]

4. Analyse the strengths and the weaknesses of the Reinforcement theory and the Imitation theory in accounting for how children acquire language.

[100 marks]

5. Discuss the nativist view on how humans acquire language. Support your answer with suitable examples.

[100 marks]