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

Answer **FOUR [4]** questions, **TWO [2]** questions from **Section A** and **TWO [2]** from **Section B**. All Questions carry equal marks.

**SECTION A**

1. Many behaviourists prefer the term *verbal behaviour* to *language*, emphasizing the similarity of linguistic skills to all other learned behaviours. Comment.

[100 marks]

2. Discuss Chomsky's and Piaget's approaches to first language acquisition.

[100 marks]

3. There is a 'critical period' within which first language acquisition must take place. Discuss with exemplification.

[100 marks]

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**SECTION B**

4. Discuss the notion of error and its role in behaviourist and mentalist theories of second language acquisition.

[100 marks]

5. According to interlanguage theory, second language acquisition entails a continuum of evolving systems. Comment.

[100 marks]

6. "Speaking is the result of acquisition and not its cause." (Krashen, 1985)  
What counter arguments can you think of?

[100 marks]