



KISII UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS
FIRST SEMESTER 2023/2024
[APRIL, 2024]

LING 822: SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

STREAM:

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

DATE: 17/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer QUESTION ONE and any OTHER TWO questions.**

1. a. What is the relevance of the following terms in Second Language acquisition literature?
 - (i) Innateness (5 marks).
 - (ii) Creolization (5 marks).
- b. Discuss macro social factors in Second Language acquisition studies. (10 marks).
2. a. Give an in-depth account of the major differences between First Language acquisition and Second Language learning. (10 marks).
- b. Attempt an in-depth critique of Stephen Krashen's Monitor Model in relation to L2 acquisition. (10 marks).
3. a. Discuss cross linguistic transfer in Second Language acquisition. (10 marks).
- b. Describe the phenomenon of trilingual first language acquisition. (10 marks).

4. a. On the basis of the Vygotskyan Sociocultural Theory (1978), discuss
‘interaction as the genesis of language’ (10 marks).
- b. Analyze motivations for Second Language acquisition. (10 marks).

5. a. Analyze conditions necessary for Second Language acquisition in a
multilingual environment. (10 marks).
- b. Discuss the role of universal grammar in Second Language acquisition
studies. (10 marks).