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Subject: Linguistics **Full Name:**……..

Level: Second Year **Group:**……

Second Semester Exam

Answer the following questions:

Q1) To what terms do the following statements refer? (5 marks)

1- A theory based o the belief that human variation in conduct is due to physical stimuli **behaviourism (1 pt)**

2- An idealized capacity that is located as a mental property **competence**

3- A theory of Grammar that accounts for the constructions of language by linguistic transformations and phrase structures **TRANSFORMATIONAL GENERATIVE GRAMMAR**

4- The Hypothesis that culture and language are interwoven and there is no possibility to separate them **Sapir Whorf hypothesis**

5- A discipline that combines society features with its communication tool. **Sociolinguistics**

Q 2) State True or False and correct the false statements (10 marks)

1- The language Acquisition Device has the capacity to differentiate between what is a language and what are meaningless sounds.

……**true (1 pt)** …….

2- The core content of Mentalism in language studies lies in the conviction that language learning and its environment must be viewed as a socially acquired process rather than a biologically acquired process.

False (0.5 pt), biologically acquired process (0.5)

3- The deep structure refers to the forms of sentences that result from modifications.

False, the surface structure

4- Behaviorism was adopted on the basis that mental abilities functions cannot be proved scientifically.

…… **true** ……

5- One of the main distinctions between American and European Structuralism is the fact that In Europe, they focused on written materials to study language while, in America they focused on the spoken form.

…… **true** …….

6- Psycholinguistics is a discipline that aims to investigate mind processes to link them with behavior.

False, with language

7- Behaviorists were criticized by Noam Chomsky only because they could not explain children early acquisition of the first language with training and reinforcement.

False, behaviorists' experiment were on animals then generalized to human beings

8- The American structuralists adopted a descriptive approach in their investigations on Amerindian languages.

…… **true** …….

9- Using punishment, repetition and reward were basic aspects of teaching methods in the Mentalistic Theory.

False, behaviorist theory

10- Mentalism contributed in explaining human predisposition to acquire the mother tongue not the second language.

False, both of them

Q3) Choose the appropriate answer: (You can Choose more than one) (05 Marks)

1- ICA is one of Leonard Bloomfield contributions, it aims at:

- ✓ **Finding the right meaning of sentences, especially the long ones**
- ✓ **Dividing the sentence into its basic meaningful layers**

2- The main difference between American and European structuralists' studies on language lies in:

- ✓ **The approach used in investigating language**
- ✓ **The Type of language under study**
- ✓ **The motives behind their studies**

(All of them correct)

Good Luck