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Module: Linguistics

Allotted time: 1h30

Level: Third year

**Correction of the Examination (the Fifth Semester)**

**Task One:** Say whether the following statements are "true" or "false". Correct the wrong one(s). (05pts)

1. Chomsky strongly believes that language acquisition is a **process of habit formation**. (F) inborn.
2. The basic principle of social learning is that a language learner **requires** rewards during the process of learning. (F) doesn't require
3. The major claim of behaviorism is that language is acquired according to the general laws of learning and **dissimilar** to any other learnt behavior . (F) similar
4. Mentalists assume that language acquisition is **dependent** on cognitive development and individual differences. (F) independent
5. Behaviorism found its theoretical background in linguistics and **sociology**. (F) psychology

**Task Two:** Complete with the appropriate information. (07pts)

1. Behaviorism was heavily criticized by Chomsky for:
  - It didn't take into consideration certain properties of language, especially language creativity.
  - Language errors were not allowed.
  - Most of the experiments were carried out on animals.
2. The process of habit formation is made up of three steps: **stimulus**, **response** And **reinforcement**.
3. Language errors were considered by **behaviorists** to be the main danger in the process of the L2 as they could lead to the development of bad language **habit**.
4. Noam Chomsky claimed that the human mind relies on an inborn mechanism, called **Language Acquisition Device (LAD)**.

5. The role of Contrastive Analysis was **to analyse languages to identify the similarities and differences and consequently point out the potential areas of difficulty for L2 learners.**

**Task Three:** In no more than seven(07) lines, describe the process of language analysis in CA. (06pts)

- **Description**

- **Selection**

- **Comparison**

- **Prediction**

**Task Four (02pts):** In the early 1970's, CA lost the interest of language researchers and teachers because of the basic claim of CA was incorrect. It was found that:

1- **Many errors were not caused by the interference between the languages.**

2- **Many errors predicted by CA never occurred.**

**Best of Luck**