

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

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ENG 3264 - Introduction to Second Language Acquisition

Two Hours

Answer THREE (03) questions

1. What influence does age exert over learning a second language? Discuss with reference to debates surrounding the critical period.
2. Discuss the influence of **two** factors in a second language learning environment that contribute to successful L2 acquisition.
3. Explain the reasons why contrastive analyses between first and second languages are **not** effective in understanding stages of interlanguage in a learner.
4. "A central preoccupation in SLA research on cognition is with memory and attention in L2 learning." Discuss.
5. Explain the importance of **either** Foreign Language Anxiety **or** Willingness to Communicate in terms of their importance in second language acquisition.
6. Using illustrations from *Dreaming in Chinese* by Deborah Fallows, discuss the role of affect in second language acquisition.