**ASSESSMENT TASK 4 – EXTENDED RESPONSE**

**Nature vs Nurture debate in communication and language development**

**Weighting:** 5%

**In-class write up:** Start of Week 2, Term 2

**What you will need to do:**

You will have the holidays to research, draft and practice this extended response.

You will have in-class time to answer the question and write up your final response.

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Anouk is a mother of two, her first born Mohammad is 13 years old and has a speech impediment, however, has learned to communicate effectively by slowing down his speech and articulating words in full. Mohammad has recently joined a debate team at school, he is confident and assertive when speaking and enjoys speaking to larger audiences. Anouk’s second child Shia was adopted two years ago and had been brought up in a foster home until the age of 8 years old. Although Shia does not have a speech impediment her speech and communication are at the expected level of a much younger child. Shia is not assertive with her speech and does not enjoy public speaking, however, is quite comfortable when speaking to build rapport between herself and friends.

**‘*The development of language abilities and effective communication in a person are due just as much to the environment in which the person develops as their genetics.*’**

Assess the accuracy of this statement, applying examples from the scenario where possible. Refer to relevant psychological evidence in your response.

**In your answer you should include:**

* Introduction (8 marks)
* Discuss in depth the role of genetics in language development and communication. Including key theorists such as Chomsky and supporting research and evidence (13 marks)
* Discuss in depth the role of the environment in language development and communication. Including key theorists such as Bruner and supporting research and evidence (13 marks)
* Draws on an additional two (2) theories or research in psychology to accurately explain behaviour and applies it to the scenario (12 marks)
* Conclusion (8 marks)
* Quality of Extended Response (3 marks)