**Belief Statement**

Reflect on your experience as both a learner and/or a teacher. Think about each question below and formulate responses which describe your **current** opinions about language teaching and learning. Please write at least one well-developed paragraph for each question (4-5 lines or sentences at least).

**DO NOT USE RESOURCE MATERIALS.** I want your answers toshow what you currently think or believe about each of these questions; not what some one else thinks or believes.

The reason for this is that at the end of the semester you will re-write these answers in you **Final Learning Statement**. I will compare your answers because you will submit **BOTH** your Belief Statement with my feedback on it and your Final Learning Statement for me to read and assess. The grade for you Final Learning Statement will be partially based on how much your beliefs about teaching and learning are supported by current theories.

1. What is the teacher’s role in language learning? What are the students’ roles?

2. What are some important characteristics/traits of the teaching / learning process?

3. Describe what the interaction patterns should look like in a lesson plan, and why?

4. How should the feelings of students be dealt with?

5. What is language and how should it be viewed?

6. What is culture and how should it be viewed?

7. What kind of evaluation/assessment should be used and why?

8. How should student errors be handled?