



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2022/2023 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES**

**EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS**

**AEN 504: LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS**

**DATE:16/12/2022**

**TIME:8.30 – 11.30A.M**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any three questions.**

## **QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the considerations that one needs to take note of while collecting linguistic data

## **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

With one example for (i) –(iii), explain the following concepts as used in linguistic field studies

- i. Population
- ii. Variable
- iii. Study sample
- iv. Reliability
- v. Observer's paradox

## **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain three important factors that can help you to write a statement of the problem  
(12 marks)
- b) Discuss any four considerations that you need to make when selecting informants  
(8 marks).

## **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Linguistics has many areas in which one can research. Identify any five of these areas and write a topic that can be of interest to you and outline the important sections of the would-be concept paper.

**QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the techniques that you can use to collect linguistic data