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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

UNIT TITLE: AEN 504 UNIT NAME: LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS

DATE: TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any three questions

- 1. Discuss the considerations that one needs to take note of while collecting linguistic data (20 marks).
- 2. With one example for (i) –(iii), explain the following concepts as used in linguistic field studies (20 marks)
 - (i) Population
 - (ii) Variable
 - (iii) Study sample
 - (iv) Reliability
 - (v) Observer's paradox
- 3. (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).
- 4. 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 (20 marks).
- 5. Discuss the techniques that you can use to collect linguistic data (20 marks)