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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD SESSION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 503: LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. Despite provisions in the Kenya Constitution (2010) requiring the protection and preservation of Kenyan languages, it is apparent that policy actors are doing little to safeguard the languages due to pressure from languages of wider communication such as English and Kiswahili. This is a puzzle which you wish to pursue as an applied linguist.

Required:

- (a) Suggest a suitable title for a potential study. (4 marks)
 - (b) From the title in (a), identify and explain the independent and dependent variables. (6 marks)
 - (c) State any three (3) research objectives of the proposed study (3 marks)
 - (d) Explain the significance of the proposed study. (5 marks)
 - (e) Describe the data and data collection technique(s) you may need. (6 marks)
 - (f) Explain the role of any one theory to the proposed study. (6 marks)
2. One of the qualities of a good sample is representativeness. Basing your answer on any two sampling techniques, discuss the validity of this statement.

- (20 marks)
3. Drawing illustrations from your concept note, write an argument in support of the mixed design in language research.
- (20 marks)
4. A good linguistic study must be contextualised in relevant literature. Discuss the role of literature in the study you have proposed in your concept note.
- (20 marks)
5. Assuming that you will collect qualitative data for your concept note, trace and explain the stages of data analysis.
- (20 marks)