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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 500: GENERAL RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: 23/8/2019

TIME: 10:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) State a research topic on a contemporary issue in your field. (4 marks)
 - b) With reference to the topic, write four research objectives. (8 marks)
 - c) What is the rationale for the study you have proposed? (8 marks)
2. Discuss any two sampling technique, clearly showing how each achieves the quality of representativeness. (20 marks)
3. Argue the case that the mixed research design (combining qualitative and quantitative approaches) provides a balanced view in postgraduate research. (20 marks)
4. Critically reviewing related literature is one way of contextualizing one's study. How is the case in postgraduate research? (20 marks)
5. Argue how validity and reliability are achieved in the following activities of postgraduate research:
 - a) Data collection
 - b) Data analysis (20 marks)