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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

EXAMINATION FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 900: RESEARCH METHODS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

DATE: 26/4/2023

TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Any Other Three Questions

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following principles in relation to research in any aspect of applied linguistics:

- i. Skepticism
- ii. Generality
- iii. Relativism
- iv. Verifiability

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

You are conducting a study in the area of language and power. You are specifically interested in the presidential directives during the COVID-19 period. Discuss the role of any relevant theory in this study.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

In genre-based studies, one needs to carefully select a cross-section of texts and yet achieve representativeness. Focusing your response on any one sampling technique, write an argument in support of this proposition.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

A statement of the problem emerges from a credible research context. Explain this causal relationship using appropriate illustrations from applied linguistics.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Trace and discuss the qualitative procedure of data analysis drawing illustrations from applied linguistics research.