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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 903: CURRENT ISSUES IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

DATE: 21/8/2019 **TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any Other Two.

1. a) Describe the main concern of Applied Linguistics and how it differs from theoretical linguistics in its aims, methods and approaches. (12 marks)

   b) Show your understanding of the critical role of Applied Linguistics with other disciplines of 21st century. (8 marks)

2. Critique the assumptions underpinning any TWO theories of first language acquisition. (20 marks)

3. Examine the relationship between Applied Linguistics and any of the following TWO disciplines:

   i) Language policy and planning
   ii) Language Testing and assessment
   iii) Language and technology
   iv) Language Pathology

4. Locate any four language problems requiring Applied Linguistics solutions and show how they relate to current issues of Applied Linguistics. (20 marks)

5. Explain how linguistic theory is applied to language problems. (20 marks)