



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 903: CURRENT ISSUES IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

DATE: 26/4/2023

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00 NOON

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- 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)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain how any of the following TWO linguistic theories are applied to language problems.

(20 marks)

- i) Cognitive linguistic theory of learning.
- ii) Critical Discourse Analysis
- iii) Translation Theory
- iv) Social Constructivist Theory

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Examine the relationship between Applied Linguistics and any of the following FOUR contemporary issues in language.

- i) Language and Globalization
- ii) Language and Community Empowerment
- iii) Language for Sustainable Development
- iv) Multilingualism, Translation & Interpreting
- v) Language and Technology
- vi) Language in Education
- vii) Language, Culture, Socialization

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Locate any four language problems requiring Applied Linguistics solutions and show how they relate to current issues of Applied Linguistics.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Critically justify the truth or the otherwise of the statement below:

Linguists and Applied linguists accountability to each other is necessary.