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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 510: LANGUAGE TESTING AND EVALUATION

DATE: 26/4/2023

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTION

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Describe the procedures used to assess the **four** language skills.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the rationale for the implementation of innovative Computer-Based language assessment tools and any barriers experienced by language teachers. Use for **four** such tools.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Illustrate the historical journey of measurement and evaluation in Kenya language testing system

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss any five variables involved in testing, and show the place of testing and assessment in language education.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss any **four** procedures for analyzing and interpreting language test results (8 marks)
- b) Test developers were attempting to develop two forms of a language test that they could claim measured the same thing. They started by developing three forms of the test, each of which had the same types of items. They gave the three tests to a group of students and they found that the correlation between Form 1 and Form 2 was 0.74. The correlation between Form 1 and Form 3 was 0.75, and the correlation between Form 2 and Form 3 was 0.85. Which two forms should the test developers choose? And why? (12 marks)