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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 806: SYLLABUS DESIGN AND MATERIALS PREPARATION

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Two Other Two Questions

1. Study the course description below and use it to answer the questions that follow:

Course Description

Training in study techniques: speaking and writing skills for academic and general purposes. Reading strategies: types of reading. Oral comprehension: note-taking; listening activities. Writing strategies: types of writing, structure and function of paragraphs – different kinds of essays and papers; report writing, notes for specific information, documenting sources, editing written materials and proofreading. The use of spoken English: formal discussions; seminar techniques; leading a seminar, interrupting, agreeing and disagreeing appropriately; presenting an argument; initiating a discussion.

- (a) What title would you give the course?
(1 mark)
- (b) State a purpose for the course.
(2 marks)
- (c) State any four learning outcomes for the course.
(8 marks)
- (d) Explain any three types instructional materials needed for implementation of the course.
(9 marks)
- (e) Point out and justify any two assessment opportunities for the course.
(6 marks)
- (f) Describe how the course can be evaluated.
(4 marks)

2. A university wishes to mount a course on communication skills targeting secretaries, discuss what you need to consider in determining:
(a) Learner needs
(b) Target needs.
(20 marks)
3. You have been tasked to advise the Director of the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) on how to select only one language textbook (among the many in the market) to be used as the core text in the implementation of the form four syllabus, clearly present your response.
(20 marks)
4. As an experienced teacher of English, what are your thoughts about the testing of speaking skills in the KCSE?
(20 marks)
5. Discuss how various authentic materials can be adapted in the teaching of functional writing in the language classroom.
(20 marks)