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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

MAY-AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 500: INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED LINGUISTICS

DATE: 26/8/2021

TIME: 9.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **any three questions**. All questions carry equal marks.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Trace the origins and development of applied linguistics. Provide details of accomplishments at each of the stages of development.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Language teaching is a key sub-field of applied linguistics. Following current trends, what aspects might trigger research interest among applied linguists in the following aspects:

- a) Language testing;
- b) Blended learning?

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

The modern work place presents a myriad of opportunities for studies in applied linguistics. Justify this statement, basing your response on **any four** such opportunities.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Research in applied linguistics must be anchored on an appropriate theoretical framework. Why should this be the case. Explain your response citing appropriate illustrations.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Analyse the role of an applied linguist in the following areas:

- a) Forensic science
- b) Health care services
- c) Computer science
- d) Ecological management