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AEN 901: POLICY ENGAGEMENT IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

DATE: 27/4/2023

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00 NOON

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

The nexus between research, policy and practice is a key defining feature of the nature of applied linguistics. Write an argument in support of this proposition.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Suppose you have accomplished a study and made policy recommendations on how to implement the indigenous language policy in Kenya. Discuss any four windows of opportunity you will leverage on to push your agenda.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss Pielke's (2007) typology of policy actors and relate it to policy engagement practices in applied linguistics.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate how the following social media platforms may be used for policy engagement in applied linguistics.

- (a) Twitter
- (b) WhatsApp

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Engagement with policy actors will depend on such attributes as interest, alignment, influence and power. Show how you will use these attributes to map policy actors in any aspect of applied linguistics research.