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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 510: LANGUAGE TESTING

DATE: 22/8/2019 **TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any Other Two.

1. a) Language testing and assessment is a critical element in language education. Discuss the validity or the otherwise of this statement. (12 marks)

   b) Construct a vocabulary test, objective testing, matching format, determining the meaning of certain words in a meaningful context.

2. Describe the language skills that are covered in language test and show the various procedures that are used to test each skill. (20 marks)

3. a) Critically examine the principles of language test validation. (12 marks)

   b) Discuss any **four** methods for analyzing and interpreting language test results (8 marks)

4. Explain and evaluate the rationale for the implementation of innovative Computer-Based Testing in language Education and any barriers experienced by language teachers. (20 marks)

5. Discuss any **five** variables involved in testing, and show the place of testing and assessment in language education. (20 marks)