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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 502: THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS

DATE: 21/8/2019

TIME: 10:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any Other Two.

1. Demonstrate how the structuralism theory accounts for analysis of language. (20 marks)
2. Outline the optimality theory and state its role in the study of phonology. (20 marks)
3. Provide any outline of a linguistic translation theory, clearly showing how it may be applied to the translation of a literary text. (20 marks)
4. In what ways does the speech accommodation theory account for language use in contact situations? (20 marks)
5. Discuss the tenets of the cognitive metaphor theory and show how its relevance in semantics. (20 marks)