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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 900: RESEARCH METHODS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

DATE: 16/12/2021

TIME: 9.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Generate and discuss the contemporary issues that may be the subject of applied linguistics research in any two of the following domains.

- a) Ecolinguistics
- b) Language teaching
- c) Language and gender

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Thorstein Veblen (2005) introduces the notion “trained incapacity” in which he opines that overspecialization promotes ignorance. Advance an argument on how research in applied linguistics should address the problem of trained incapacity.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

In applied linguistics research, topics, concepts, variables and hypotheses, have an interdependent relationship. Discuss this statement using appropriate illustrations.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

A researcher seeks to carry out a critical discourse analysis of gender-based sentiments on twitter. Guide the researcher on techniques for sampling and data collection in this case.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

In your proposed doctoral study, explain how you would use the mixed research design to analyze data.