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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 910: LANGUAGE TESTING AND EVALUATION

DATE: 27/8/2021

TIME: 9.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) **Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**
- b) **Do not write on the question paper**

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) (COMPULSORY)

- a) Explain any three features of performance assessment (15 marks)
- b) How can the statistical measures of mean, mode and median be used to evaluate learners in a classroom. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

A good language test must put into account both the context of the learner and his /her linguistic repertoire. Discuss.

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

What is test reliability and how can a language test achieve it.

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

Discuss the notion of classroom research as a pedagogic function

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

How does testing of writing differ from testing of oral-aural skills?