



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 504: LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS

DATE:16/12/2022

TIME:8.30 – 11.30A.M

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any three questions.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the considerations that one needs to take note of while collecting linguistic data

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

With one example for (i) –(iii), explain the following concepts as used in linguistic field studies

- i. Population
- ii. Variable
- iii. Study sample
- iv. Reliability
- v. Observer's paradox

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain three important factors that can help you to write a statement of the problem
(12 marks)
- b) Discuss any four considerations that you need to make when selecting informants
(8 marks).

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Linguistics has many areas in which one can research. Identify any five of these areas and write a topic that can be of interest to you and outline the important sections of the would-be concept paper.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the techniques that you can use to collect linguistic data