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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
AEN 802: LINGUISTICS FIELD METHODS

DATE: THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2017

TIME: 2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

1. The Form two class students of KU Secondary School had the following scores in end of term English Language examination.

Females: 31, 45, 56, 60, 54, 58, 72, 39, 20, 33, 46, 85,

Males: 59, 70, 45, 38, 49, 80, 30, 35, 15, 55, 76, 50, 65

- (a) Describe and work out the measure of central tendency of the scores. (20 marks)
- (b) Explain the following types of data in relation to information given in (1) above. (10 marks)
- (i) Categorical
 - (ii) Ordinal
 - (iii) Continuous
 - (iv) Ratio
 - (v) quantitative

2. (a) Discuss any five principles that may guide the selection of topic for a research project. (10 marks)
- (b) 'A relevant literature review in any linguistic research critiques other studies or shows how the findings relate to the problem under investigation'. Discuss, five reasons why literature review is important. (10 marks)

Or

- (a) Highlight three characteristics of a good research problem
- (b) Discuss five types of research design relating each to a linguistic problem. (14 marks)

3. Drawing illustrations from linguistic research, discuss how a researcher can ascertain that qualitative research is **systematic, reliable and principled**. (20 marks)
- Or**
- Discuss five ways of ensuring validity and reliability in qualitative research. (20 marks)
4. Outline and exemplify the components of a research proposal and discuss the relevance of each component to a linguistic research. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the types of variables used in linguistic research. Use examples to illustrate your answers. (20 marks)
- Or**
- Discuss any four non-probabilistic sampling methods showing how they would apply in linguistic studies. (20 marks)
