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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME (IBP) – AUGUST 2015 SESSION
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
AEN 802: LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS

DATE: Tuesday, 29th December 2015

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory

Question One - Compulsory (30 Marks)

- a) Highlight the importance of a research design in any research undertaking. (5 Marks)
 - b) Expound on three types of research design showing how each relates to linguistic research. (15 Marks)
 - c) Identify and describe any three methods of data collection adopted in descriptive studies. (10 Marks)
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2. Discuss five factors to consider when determining sample size in linguistic studies. (20 Marks)
 3. Outline the components of a research proposal and discuss the relevance of each component in the process of carrying out research. (20 Marks)
 4. Expound on four ways of ensuring validity and reliability in qualitative studies. (20 Marks)
 5. Discuss the following concepts as they relate to research: (20 Marks)
 - i. Abstract
 - ii. Questionnaire
 - iii. Plagiarism
 - iv. Probability sampling
 - v. Observer's paradox