



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS

LING 811: RESEARCH METHODS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

STREAM: R

TIME: 3 HRS

DAY: MONDAY (12.30-15.30PM)

DATE: 18/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO**.

QUESTION ONE (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 linguistic research [10 Marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss five factors to consider when determining sample size in linguistic studies [20 Marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Outline the components of a research proposal and discuss the relevance of each component in the process of carrying out research [20 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Expound on four ways of ensuring validity and reliability in qualitative studies [20 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following concepts as they relate to linguistic research: [20 Marks]

- a) Abstract [4 Marks]
- b) Pilot study [4 Marks]
- c) Sampling [4 Marks]
- d) Plagiarism [4 Marks]
- e) Observer's paradox [4 Marks]

