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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS**

**ENGL 941: RESEARCH METHODS**

**STREAMS: P.hD (LINGUISTICS) Y1S2 SB**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 5/12/2018**

**2.30 A.M - 5.30 P.M**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer any **THREE** Questions
1. Explain how the following epistemological positions can influence the choice of research one is likely to undertake. [20 Marks]
    - (a) Objectivism
    - (b) Constructionism
    - (c) Subjectivism
  2. Discuss qualitative and quantitative approaches to research indicating how the approaches can be combined in linguistic research. [20 Marks]
  3. Briefly discuss how each of the following qualitative methods are harnessed in linguistic research. [20 Marks]
    - (a) Discourse-Analytic approaches
    - (b) Linguistic ethnography
    - (c) Interviews and focus groups
    - (d) Multi-modal analysis
  4. Discuss the characteristics of good literature review as a crucial part of doing research. [20 Marks]
  5. Explain the following concepts as used in research. [20 Marks]
    - (i) Validity
    - (ii) Reliability
    - (iii) Descriptive Statistics
    - (iv) Inferential statistics
    - (v) Piloting

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6. Discuss the following classification of research indicating whether they would be applied in linguistic research and how this would happen. [20 Marks]

- (a) Descriptive research
  - (b) Ex-post Facto research (causal comparative)
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