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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF  
EDUCATION (LINGUISTICS)

ENGL 861: RESEARCH TECHNIQUES IN LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: MA (LINGUISTICS) Y1S2 SB

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 5/12/2018

8.30 A.M -11.30 A.M

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer any **FOUR** Questions
- Question ONE is **COMPULSORY**
- Do not write anything on the question paper

Study the following information and then answer the questions that follow:

1. A Bantu language labeled (X) has a living community of speakers and is being passed on to the children. Research on the language has only been done on the verb system. As a scholar, you are interested to research on the language.

**Questions:**

- (a) Construct the statement of the problem. [4 Marks]
  - (b) State two objectives for your study. [4 Marks]
  - (c) Justify the study. [3 Marks]
  - (d) Show the scope of the study. [2 Marks]
  - (e) Choose a research approach for the study. [2 Marks]
2. Discuss four methods that you can use to collect qualitative data. [15 Marks]
  3. Discuss the process of literature review in linguistic research. [15 Marks]
  4. Discuss six sources of information that are available to a linguistic researcher. [15 Marks]
  5. Discuss six sampling techniques that a language researcher can consider to use. [15 Marks]

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6. Differentiate between the following research terminologies in reference to language research;

(i) Hypothesis vs question [5 Marks]

(ii) Inferential vs descriptive statistics [5 Marks]

(iii) Primary data vs secondary data [5 Marks]

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