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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

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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