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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS**

ENGL 941: RESEARCH METHODS IN LINGUISTICS

STREAMS: PHD (LINGUISTICS) YIS2

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 22/04/2020

2.30 PM – 45.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

1. Explain how research can be influenced by the following epistemological positions. [20 marks]
 - (a) Objectivism
 - (b) Constructionism
 - (c) Subjectivism

 2. Discuss the major differences between qualitative and quantitative research. [20 marks]

 3. Discuss any two methods of data collection in linguistic research indicating their strengths and weaknesses. [20 marks]

 4. (a) Discuss the following concepts, showing how they apply differently in qualitative and quantitative research. [16 marks]
 - (i) Validity
 - (ii) Reliability
 - (b) Qualitative research is iterative. Explain [4 marks]

 5. (a) Why is literature review important in research? [4 marks]

 - (b) What are the characteristics of good literature review? [16 marks]
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