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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN  
ENGLISH**

**ENGL 861: GENERAL AND LINGUISTIC RESEARCH METHODS**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE : THURSDAY 15/07/2021**

**8.30 A.M – 11.30 A.M**

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**INSTRUCTION**

**Choose any three questions**

1. (a) Distinguish the following terms:
  - (i) A research problem and a research objective. [2 marks]
  - (ii) Qualitative research and mixed method research. [2 marks]
  - (ii) Justify why research is described as being ‘cyclic’ [2 marks]
  - (iii) Describe FOUR reasons why review of literature is important. [4 marks](b) Evaluate THREE reasons why research is considered empirical. [6 marks]  
(c) Discuss TWO limitations of interviews when collecting data for pragmatic study. [4 marks]
  
2. (a) Explain THREE ways that a researcher can maintain research ethics. [6 marks]  
(b) “Research is a process”. Support this statement. [14 marks]
  
3. (a) Formulate a research topic with three types of variables. [8 marks]  
(b) Assess the use of questionnaires in linguistics data collection. [12 marks]

4. (a) Describe FOUR sampling methods applicable in linguistic research. [12 marks]
- (b) Explain with examples any TWO measures of central tendency applicable to applied linguistic research. [8 marks]
5. (a) Discuss four shortcomings of elution as a method of collecting data for linguistic description. [12 marks]
- (b) Explain two characteristics of a good research problem. [8 marks]
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