

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

UNIT TITLE: AEN 504

UNIT NAME: LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any three questions

1. Discuss the considerations that one needs to take note of while collecting linguistic data (20 marks).
2. With one example for (i) –(iii), explain the following concepts as used in linguistic field studies (20 marks)
 - (i) Population
 - (ii) Variable
 - (iii) Study sample
 - (iv) Reliability
 - (v) Observer’s paradox
3. (a) Explain three important factors that can help you to write a statement of the problem (12 marks)
(b) Discuss any four considerations that you need to make when selecting informants (8 marks).
4. Linguistics has many areas in which one can research. Identify any five of these areas and write a topic that can be of interest to you (20 marks).
5. Discuss the techniques that you can use to collect linguistic data (20 marks)