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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION

REGULAR PROGRAMME

ENG 300: RESEARCH IN LANGUAGE

Date: JULY 2018	**Duration: 2 Hours**
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions	

Q1. a) What are the principles of scientific research? **(4 Marks)**

b) Differentiate the following terms as used in research **(10 Marks)**

      i) Snowball and purposive sampling
      ii) Probability and non-probability Sampling
      iii) Target population and a sample
      iv) Hypothesis and research idea
      v) Directional hypothesis and null hypothesis

c) Using clear examples from language research, differentiate a variable from a construct **(6Marks)**

c) Outline the steps followed when in systematic sampling technique
      (10arks)

Q2. An effective literature review in language research should be critically done. Using clear and well explained points support this argument. **(20Marks)**

Q3. Describe the following instruments of data collection and show each can be used in language research. **(20 Marks)**

Q4. Explain the steps followed when analyzing qualitative and quantitative data in research in language. **(20Marks)**

Q5. Language teaching is one of the areas of research in language. Using this area of research:

     i)   Develop a research problem in relation to this area and explain why you think it is a problem that can be researched on

     ii)   Write three objectives and three research questions

     iii)   Formulate at least two hypotheses on the research problem identified

     iv)   Which group of people will be your target population and why?

     v)   Show how you intend to get a sample from your target population.

(20 Marks)

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