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MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 321

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ENGLISH

DATE: 31ST AUGUST, 2022

TIME: 9.00 - 11.00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Using the research topic “The Effect of Social Media on University Students’ Essay Writing”, answer the following questions:
- i. Define a research problem. (2 marks)
 - ii. Construct two objectives based on the title above. (4 marks)
 - iii. Construct a good statement of the problem based on the above topic. (5 marks)
 - iv. Name at least four the characteristics of a good research topic from the topic given above. (4 marks)
 - v. Why do we study research? Based on the goals/purpose of research, mention at least five reasons you would conduct research on the above topic. (5 marks)
- b) Differentiate between the following concepts as used in linguistic research
- i. Research Methodology and Research Methods. (5 marks)
 - ii. Primary research and Secondary research. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) What is literature review in research? Discuss the importance of literature review in English/Linguistics research? (10 marks)
- b) Choose the most suitable option from the multiple choice questions below:
(1 mark each = 10 marks)
1. A literature review is best described as:
 - a) Doing an internet search on a topic and looking through the results
 - b) A focused and critical review of literature related to the research question
 - c) A review of primary research related to your topic
 - d) A review of literature that is easily available.
 2. Why does a researcher conduct a literature review?
 - a) To familiarize themselves with the field
 - b) They are required to by other researchers
 - c) They are paid to review it
 - d) To reproduce existing research
 3. When starting a literature review, what is the first step?
 - a) Identifying the research question
 - b) Finding articles
 - c) Planning the study
 - d) Finding websites
 4. Which of the following statements is not true about the purpose of doing a literature review

- a) To learn about the existing information about the given topic
 - b) To better formulate the research question
 - c) To critically analyze the concept of being studied
 - d) To provide a summary of what has been written about the given topic
5. Which of the following approaches to reading do you think is not useful in literature review?
- a) Memorizing
 - b) Evaluating
 - c) Comparing
 - d) Arguing
6. Where do you start when conducting literature review?
- a) Scanning the source
 - b) Skimming the source
 - c) Analyzing the information
 - d) Critiquing the information
7. If you believe you will use the information from a source, what should you do?
- a) Make note of the information I think I will use
 - b) Add the information about the book to my reference list
 - c) Write my comments about the information next to my notes
 - d) All the above
8. Which of the following statements is not helpful when evaluating your literature?
- a) You only need to include the most up-to-date literature
 - b) You need to weigh up the contribution each piece of literature makes to your review
 - c) You need to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each piece of literature
 - d) You need to explore the credibility of the claims made by the authors
 - e) You need to assess the validity of the literature
9. Which of the following statements are true about the importance of literature review?
Bringing the literature together is important so that you:
- a) Are able to piece together all the literature like a jigsaw puzzle
 - b) Are able to identify if you have missed out any literature
 - c) Are able to compare the outcomes/conclusions of the different literature
 - d) Are able to compare the arguments presented in the different literature
 - e) Are able to compare the strengths and weaknesses of each piece of literature
10. Which of the following statements is not helpful? Emphasizing the purpose for your literature review when you write up is important because:
- a) It is easy to lose track of the argument you are making

- b) It is easy to go off track and find yourself discussing another aspect of the literature
- c) you need to remain close to your review question so that you lead onto your research question
- d) you need to answer your review question

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Make a distinction between Research Methods and Research Methodology. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the data collection procedures. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

1. Explain at least 3 common Citation Styles (12 marks)
2. Rewrite the following references using the APA style (8mks)
 - i. A book written by Winford Donald, published in New York in 2003 by Blackwell Publishing Ltd. and the title is An introduction to contact linguistics.
 - ii. A book chapter entitled The bukusu oratory styles written by Orina Felix Ayoka published by Kwetu publishers in 2022 in a book titled The African Orature, edited by Joseph Musungu.
 - iii. An article titled Contact-induced changes: classification and processes written by Winford Donald published in 2005 in a journal called Diachronica from page 373–427 in volume 22 of issue 2.
 - iv. A book titled International English: A Guide to Varieties of Standard English written by Peter Trudgill and Jean Hannah 5th edition, published in London by Hodder Education publishers.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Using clear examples, describe at least four most frequently used qualitative research approaches in Linguistics/Humanities.