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# **KIBABII UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR  
THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

### **MAIN EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 321**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ENGLISH**

**DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**TIME: 9.00 - 11.00AM**

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#### **INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

**TIME: 2 Hours**

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**QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

- i. Discuss the nature of research. (4 marks)
- ii. Why study research? (4 marks)
- iii. What are the characteristics of a good scientific research? (4 marks)
- iv. What is linguistic research and why is it important? (4 marks)
- v. What is meant by scope and limitations in research? (6 marks)
- vi. Briefly describe a theoretical framework. (4 marks)
- vii. What does methodology entail? (4 marks)
- viii. Show your understanding of significance of the study. (3 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- i. What are the characteristics of a good research topic? (10 marks)
- ii. Describe some of the key features to be remembered when developing a research topic. (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- i. Discuss reasons why a research problem is an important component in research. (10 marks)
- ii. Propose some of the possible topics in linguistic research. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- i. Discuss some of the possible sources of research problems. (10 marks)
- ii. Discuss the most common characteristics of a research problem. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- i. Select a research topic of your choice. (2 marks)
- ii. Formulate a research problem that relates to the selected topic. (10 marks)
- iii. What are some of the common socioeconomic benefits of linguistic research? (8 marks)