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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**

COURSE CODE: ALN 806

COURSE TITLE: APPLIED LINGUISTICS

EXAM VENUE:

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer ANY THREE questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE:

EITHER

Guy Cook defines applied linguistics as ‘the academic discipline concerned with the relation of knowledge about language to decision making in the real world’ (2003: 5). Discuss. **(20 Marks)**

OR

“Applied Linguistics is the utilization of the knowledge about the nature of language achieved by linguistic research for the improvement of the efficiency of some practical task in which language is a central component” (Corder, 1974: 24). Discuss.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO:

Briefly account for the Ten Generalizations from SLA research as assembled by Lightbown (2000: 431-462).

(20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE:

Account for the differences in the use of language features by men and women in conversations.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR:

“The younger a person when placed into an L2 environment and the less contact this person has with L1 subsequent to migration, the more profound and wide-reaching the effects of L1 attrition.” (Opitz, C.: 2011:82) Discuss **(20 Marks)**