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**LINGUISTICS AND LITERATURE**

**COURSE CODE AND TITLE**

**ENG 917: Current Issues in Linguistics**

Instructions:

Answer **QUESTION 1** and any other two questions

1. Compare and critically assess the current issues that linguists are concerned/involved in, in Africa and either Europe, Asia or the US.  
(30 marks)
2. What are the current global issues that are the point of research in phonetics and phonology?  
(20 marks)
3. Critically evaluate the shift from emphasis on Theoretical (General) Linguistics to the Applied Linguistics  
(20 marks)
4. “Applied Linguistics is concerned with practical issues involving language use in the real world” Discuss.  
(20 marks)
5. Critically elaborate on the debates that have taken place between prescriptive and descriptive linguistics and how this has shaped our understanding of knowledge of language  
(20 marks)