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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

.....SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0208: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Two Other Questions

1.
 - a) What is your understanding of the phrase 'Standard English' (2 marks)
 - b) Differentiate between a national language and an official language. (6 marks)
 - c) Outline and discuss clearly the criteria used by Bella (1967) to distinguish a standard language from a dialect. (12 marks)
 - d) Discuss the characteristics of pidgins. (10 marks)
2. Discuss the FIVE factors influencing language planning. (20 marks)
3. Discuss the following terms in sociolinguistics. (20 marks)
 - i) Slang
 - ii) Diglossia
 - iii) Idiolects
 - iv) Accent
 - v) Bilingualism
4. Explain with illustrations the areas where language and society interrelate. (20 marks)
5. Using examples, explain five functions of code switching according to the conversational/ functional model. (20 marks)
6. Language variations are the deviations within a language or dialect. Using examples, discuss what brings about these variations. (20 marks)