



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE

AEN 502: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 16/12/2021

TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the social factors that influence language behavior. (10 marks)
- b) Describe how the social network theory can be applied in analysis of language (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terms (10 marks)
 - i. Language Endangerment
 - ii. Language revitalization
- b) Explain how the Endangered Indigenous Languages of Kenya can be preserved (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine any FIVE negative impacts of multilingualism in the society (10 marks)
- b) Relate the concept of diglossia and language shift in a multilingual society (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) By use of any FOUR approaches on gender explain any reasons for gender differences in language (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the difference between code switching and code maxing, clearly showing the role of each in facilitating human interaction. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the different processes of language change (10 marks)
- b) Describe any FIVE causes of language change in the society (10 marks)