



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS
AEN 516: LANGUAGE VARIATION AND FUNCTION

DATE:15/12/2022

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00P.M

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the significance of the following factors on language variation (12 marks).
- i. Gender
 - ii. Social status
 - iii. Ethnicity
 - iv. Age
- b) Demonstrate the concept of dialectology in linguistics (8 marks).

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

- a) Diagnose how language change may occur in different societies (12 marks).
- b) Using appropriate examples explain any FOUR linguistic features that may be affected by language change (8mks).

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

Illustrate different types of linguistic variation

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

- a) Explain any four ideal goals of a standard language (8 marks)
- b) Summarize any TWO theories concerning the origins of pidgins and creoles (12 marks).

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

Critically examine the implications of Diglossia and Code-Switching for English Language Teaching and Learning