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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST/SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0208: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 17/4/2019

TIME:8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

1. a) Define the following terms:
 - i) accent (2 marks)
 - ii) mutual intelligibility (2 marks)
 - iii) language shift (2 marks)
 - iv) language variety (2 marks)
 - v) idiolect (2 marks)
 - vi) multilingualism (3 marks)
 - vii) speech divergence (2 marks)
- b) Explain any two shortcomings of diglossia (4 marks)
- c) State three reasons why speakers code switch. (6 marks)
- d)
 - i) Using examples, define gendered language (2 marks)
 - ii) Explain any ONE reason that causes it. (3 marks)
2. a) Explain any THREE reasons that contribute to language shift. (10 marks)
- b) Using Kenya as an example, discuss the importance of a lingua franca to any country. (10 marks)
3. Discuss FIVE reasons why you think language planning is important in any country. (20 marks)
4. Discuss any FIVE areas that show how language and society are related. (20 marks)
5. Relate the knowledge that you have studied in this unit to your work as a teacher. (20 marks)