



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

..... YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

AEN 503: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms in relation to sociolinguistics
- i. Linguistic repertoire (2 marks)
 - ii. Dialectology (2 marks)
 - iii. Isogloss (2 marks)
 - iv. Diaglosia (2 marks)
 - v. Language death (2 marks)
- b) Describe how the social network theory can be applied in analysis of language (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the assertion that “Language planning is impossible to describe in general terms as every speech is unique (10 marks)
- b) Corrubias (1983) typical ideologies can influence the process of language planning in society” Assess the validity or the otherwise of this statement (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Employ Labov’s aspect of linguistic variation to explain the relationship between social class variation and stylistic variation (10 marks)
- b) By use of any FOUR approaches on gender explain any reasons for gender differences in language (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine any FIVE negative impacts of multilingualism in the society (10 marks)
- b) Relate the concept of diglossia to code switching in a multilingual society (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)