



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 – 12:00 P.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 (20 MARKS)

- 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 (8 marks).

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Illustrate different types of linguistic variation

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- 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