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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

..... YEARSEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0208: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms:
- i. Accent (2 marks)
 - ii. Mutual intelligibility (2 marks)
 - iii. Language shift (2 marks)
 - iv. Lingua franca (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 gendered speech. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any THREE reasons that contribute to language shift (10 marks)
- b) Discuss any three instances that make an individual to belong to different speech communities (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the stages of language planning that an expert who is tasked with that responsibility should consider.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss any FIVE areas that show how language and society are related.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Relate the knowledge that you have studied in this unit to your work as a teacher.