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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

AEN 516: LANGUAGE VARIATION AND FUNCTION

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Any Three Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (20 MARKS)

Show how the following variables explain the concept of language variation (20 marks)

- i) Education.
- ii) Gender.
- iii) Socio-economic status.
- iv) Age.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the difference between a standard and a non-standard language. (10 marks)
- b) Trace the process of standardizing a language. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

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

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate the concept of dialectology in linguistics.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Illustrate different types of linguistic variation