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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION ARTS**

AEN 0208: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 5/12/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. (a) Define the following terms:
 - (i) diglossia (2 marks)
 - (ii) sociolinguistics (2 marks)
 - (iii) language spread (2 marks)
 - (iv) language variety (2 marks)
 - (v) accent (2 marks)
 - (vi) language maintenance (2 marks)
- (b) Using one specific example, explain how language is related to society. (4 marks)
- (c) State the difference between a regional and a social dialect. (4 marks)
- (d) Explain the difference between a language and a dialect. (5 marks)
- (e) Using one example of each, explain the difference between style and register. (6 marks)
2. Analyze any five factors that make Kiswahili an important language in Kenya. (20 marks)
3. Discuss five reasons why you think language planning is important in any country. (20 marks)

4. Using **three** real life examples of each to discuss the following concepts: (20 marks)
- (i) bilingualism
 - (ii) code switching
 - (iii) multilingualism
 - (iv) code mixing
 - (v) lingua franca
5. As a teacher of English discuss any five benefits of studying sociolinguistics. (20 marks)