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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 5/6/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Use two examples to explain the difference between micro and macro linguistics. (4 marks)
 - b) What are the four elements that a good definition of a speech community should have and why. (8 marks)
 - c) Explain how social network can help you during research. (4 marks)
 - d) What is the difference between a social and a regional dialect? (2 marks)
 - e) Define the following sociolinguistic terms:
 - i. Diglossia (1 mark)
 - ii. Idiolect (1 mark)
 - iii. Register (1 mark)
 - iv. Coordinate Bilingualism (2 marks)
 - v. Situational code switching (1 mark)
 - f) Outline the three stages of Pidgin that lead to a Creole. (6 marks)

2. Using appropriate examples, discuss any five factors that can lead to language shift
(20 marks)
3.
 - a) Explain any four factors that determine the differences of linguistic repertoire between male and female
(12 marks)
 - b) Show any four situations that would demand that you use code switching as a speaker.
(8 marks)
4. Discuss the relationship between language and society.
(20 marks)
5. Supposing that you are an employee in the state department of planning who has been assigned the role of language planning. What factors would you consider as you develop your plan?
(20 marks)