



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2018/2019

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 7/5/2019

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

1.
 - a) Use two examples to explain the difference between individual and societal bilingualism. (4 marks)
 - b) Explain any FOUR characteristics of Creole and Pidgin languages (8 marks)
 - c) Explain how social network can help you during research. (4 marks)
 - d) Explain how bilingualism contributes to language shift (4 marks)
 - e) Define the following sociolinguistic terms:
 - i) diglossia (1 mark)
 - ii) patois (1 mark)
 - iii) language shift (2 marks)
 - iv) bilingualism (2 marks)
 - v) code switching (2 marks)
 - f) Explain the concept of role relationship in communication. (6 marks)
2. Discuss FIVE considerations that you need to make as you prepare to carry out a sociolinguistic research. (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. Evaluate the statement that 'language and society are intertwined'. (20 marks)
5. Supposing that you are the Principal Secretary in the State Department of Education in Kenya whose responsibility is developing a language planning policy. Explain the salient features that would guide you as you make the language policy plan. (20 marks)