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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
BACHELOR OF ARTS
AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 27/10/2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Use your first language to:
- i) Explain the different dialects in it (4 marks)
 - ii) Give **three** examples of words these dialects use differently (3 marks)
 - iii) Qualify or disqualify that the above-mentioned dialects are mutually intelligible.
Illustrate your answer (8 marks)
- b) Bell (1976) came up with criterion used to discuss different kind of languages. Use your first language to illustrate any three criterions (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Qualify your first language as a language to be considered appropriate for education, business and for professional setting in Kenya.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

There is difference between how men and women use language. Such differences range from:

- a) Pronunciation/Phonology.
- b) Grammar.
- c) Paralinguistic features.
- d) Topics of discussion

Illustrate how the above differences present themselves in any other language apart from English

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Varieties of a language is a set of social linguistic items with similar social distributions. Sheng is a language variety spoken in Kenya. What is it and what is it not in relation to this statement?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Language shift refers to a situation where a community gives up one language in favour of another one so that they use the new language where an old one was being used. There are indigenous languages that have shifted in Kenya. Why?