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EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 231: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) PART TIME

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 08/8/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions in all. Question one is compulsory

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in sociolinguistics [10 marks]
 - (i) Dialect
 - (ii) Idiolect
 - (iii) Accent
 - (iv) Slang
 - (v) Bilinguality
- (b) Discuss the relevance of sociolinguistics as an academic discipline. [10 marks]
- (c) Explain the different types of bilinguality. [10 marks]
2. (a) Discuss the factors that determine the style and level of formality in speaking. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain the different uses of slang. [10 marks]
3. (a) Explain the criteria for distinguishing a language from a dialect. [10 marks]
- (b) Highlight the different types of dialects that can be used in linguistic communication. [10 marks]

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4. (a) Define the term codeswitching as used in sociolinguistics. [2 marks]
- (b) Discuss the two types of codeswitching. [6 marks]
- (c) Explain the social determinants of code switching. [12 marks]
5. Discuss the main theories on the formation of pidgins and creoles. [20 marks]
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