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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF

ENGL 231: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

STREAMS: BED(ARTS) Y2S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 10/04/2018

11.30 A.M - 1.30 P.M

INSTRUCTION:

- **Answer three questions in all. Question one is compulsory**

1. (a) Define the following terms as used in language studies. [10marks]
 - (i) Register
 - (ii) Linguafranca
 - (iii) Speech community
 - (iv) Accent
 - (v) Sociology

(b) Identify any four differences between a language and a dialect. [4marks]

(c) Identify any four interventions that can prevent language death. [4marks]

(d) Differentiate between bilingualism and diglossia. [4marks]

(e) Identify any four features that may influence a speaker's idiolect. [4marks]

(f) Using suitable examples, explain the difference between code –switching and code mixing. [4marks]
2. Discuss the emergence and development of pidgins and creoles and describe the features of pidgin languages. [20marks]

3. (a) Explain and exemplify any six differences in spelling conventions between British English and American English as two standard varieties of English. [12marks]
(b) Identify any four functions served by standardization of a language variety. [8marks]
 4. Define the term multilingualism and discuss any six factors that lead to the development of a multilingual situation. [20marks]
 5. (a) Define the term slang and discuss the interactional uses of the variety. [10marks]
(b) Discuss the situational factors that influence code –switching. [10marks]
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