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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)**

ENGL 231: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

STREAMS: SB/PT

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 5/10/2021

11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

1. (a) Define sociolinguistics. [2 marks]
- (b) Differentiate between the following: [8 marks]
- (i) Standard language and local language
 - (ii) Pidgins and creoles
 - (iii) Dialects and accents
 - (iv) Bilingualism and multilingualism
- (c) With illustrations explain how language may vary in relation to the following; [10 marks]
- (i) Gender
 - (ii) Occupation
 - (iii) Educational background
 - (iv) Setting
 - (v) Topic
- (d) Giving appropriate examples, differentiate the notion of English as a foreign language, national language and official language. [6 marks]
- (e) What is your interpretation of the term speech community. [4 marks]

2. Briefly discuss the following schools of linguistics and show their relationship with sociolinguistics. [20 marks]
 - (i) Psycholinguistics
 - (ii) Historical linguistics
 - (iii) Comparative linguistics
 - (iv) Descriptive linguistics
 3. (a) Describe the process involved in language standardization. [10 marks]
(b) Using relevant examples, discuss the factors that lead to the spread and shift of a language. [10 marks]
 4. Briefly elaborate on the methods you could use to collect data when conducting a sociolinguistic research. [20 marks]
 5. Using relevant examples, discuss the relationship between sociolinguistics and the sociology of language. [20 marks]
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