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ENGL 221

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2ND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 221: GENDER IN LANGUAGE

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: MONDAY (8.30-10.30AM)

DATE: 8/4/24

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Section A is compulsory; Attempt any other **TWO** questions in section B

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- I) Explain the following concepts
- a) Gender neutral writing (2 marks)
 - b) Language learning strategies (2 marks)
- II) Identify **four** influences on gender identity and stereotypes (4 marks)
- III) Using **two** examples, illustrate how gender is addressed in reading materials (3 marks)
- IV) In an interaction, who interrupts more, men or women? Why? (2 marks)
- V) a) What is gossip? (1 mark)
- b) What function does gossip have for women? (1 mark)
 - c) What is men's equivalent activity to women's gossip? (1 mark)
 - d) Identify **four** categorization of gossip (4 marks)
- VI) Distinguish between the following concepts
- a) Sex and Gender (3 marks)
 - b) Genderlect and sociolect (2 marks)
 - c) Patriarchy and Matriarchy (2 marks)
 - d) Deficit approach and dominance approach to gender and language (3 marks)

SECTION B 40 MARKS

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **six** reasons why women use more standard linguistic behaviour than men (12 marks)

- b) Expound on **four** speech practices associated with any gender (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **three** strategies of conversational styles used by boys and girls in L2 setting (8 marks)
- b) Deliberate on **six** of the steps being taken today to avoid sexism in language (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

‘Gender differences are manifested in Discourse in the following major areas: in grammar, pronunciation, politeness and conversational style....’ Discuss this statement highlighting these major areas (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following theories of gender and language

- a) ‘Dynamic’ or ‘social constructionist’ theory (10 marks)
- b) Difference theory (10 marks)