



# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS

LING 814: LANGUAGE IN SOCIAL CONTEXT

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 3 HRS***

***DAY: MONDAY (8.30-11.30AM)***

***DATE: 18/12/23***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions  
**All questions carry equal marks**

**QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

Interrogate the following:

- a) How language varies across speakers and within the speech of one person (14mks)
- b) Social construction of identities (6mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- i) Distinguish:
  - a) Language and dialect (4mks)
  - b) Codemixing and codeswitching (4mks)
  - c) Lingua franca and Standard Language (4mks)
- ii) Discuss the relationship between language and culture (8mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Explain the following concepts as used in this course using apt illustrations.

- i. Speech community (3mks)
- ii. Communicative competence (3mks)
- iii. Pidgin (4mks)
- iv. Diglossia (10mks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- i) Demonstrate the concept of dialect continuum using a language of your choice (12mks)
- ii) Explain any four factors that motivate language planning (8mks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Hymes (1974) has proposed an ethnographic framework which takes into account the various factors that are involved in speaking. An ethnography of a communicative event is a description of all the factors that are relevant in understanding how that particular communicative event achieves its objectives. Discuss these factors as given by Hymes. (20mks)