



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST 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)