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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS/BA (COMMUNICATION AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES)

ENGL 211: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY (11.30-1.30PM) DATE: 14/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) What is sociolinguistics and how does it differ from sociology of language (4 mks)
- b) Explain the processes involved in deliberate standardization of a language (8 mks)
- c) What is the significance of this course to your career (10 mks)
- d) Define the following terms giving an example for each (8 mks)
 - (i) Dialect
 - (ii) Vernacular
 - (iii) Slang
 - (iv) Register

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) What is diglossia (4 mks)
- (b) Discuss four features of a diglossic situation (16 mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the terms ‘code-switching’ and ‘code-mixing’ (2 mks)
- (b) Give reasons why people code-switch or code-mix (16 mks)
- (c) What social danger can arise from standardization of a language (2 mks)



QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain three ways in which a child may become multilingual (6 mks)
- (b) Discuss the relationship between language and society (6 mks)
- (c) Explain these terms as used in this course: Give an example for each
- (i) Language maintenance
 - (ii) Language revival
 - (iii) Language shift
 - (iv) Language death (8 mks)

