



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: Monday 29th January 2018

TIME: 4.30p.m -6.30p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE and any TWO others

1. a) Explain what you understand by the following concepts:-
 - i) Speech repertories
 - ii) Register
 - iii) Language domains
 - iv) Social networks [12 marks]
- b) Describe any three criteria used to determine whether what is spoken is a language or a dialect of a language [6 marks]
- c) i) Speaker of 'sheng' seem to take pride in coining new words and phrases.
State any four functions of such coinages. [4 marks]
ii) Outline the procedure of language standardization. [8 marks]

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2. a) Draw a distinction between a pidgin and a Creole. [10 marks]
- b) Discuss any five causes of Bilingualism. [10 marks]
3. a) Examine any five popular notions associated with the differences between women's and men's languages. [10 marks]
- b) Explain any five reasons why people may use taboo language. [10 marks]
4. a) Describe the stages involved in language planning. [12 marks]
- b) Examine four ideologies that inform the choice of language in language planning. [8 marks]
5. a) Explain the following concepts:
- i) Code switching
 - ii) Code mixing
 - iii) Language death
 - iv) Language maintenance
 - v) Language choice [10 marks]
- b) Following Ferguson (1969), outline any five features which distinguish diglossia from any other sociolinguistic situation. [10 marks]