



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: Thursday 7th April, 2016

TIME: 4.30 p.m - 6.30 p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer questions ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) 30 MARKS

- a) With suitable examples, explain the following sociolinguistic terms: (10 marks)
- (i) Language domains
 - (ii) Speech/verbal repertoires
- b) With suitable examples show how the following influence language:
- (i) Gender / Sex (10 marks)
 - (ii) Social class (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Account for the development of pidgins and creoles showing clearly why they are considered to be simpler than the dominant languages on which they are based.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the concept of social networks explaining why it is useful for sociolinguistic studies.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the stages involved in language planning. (15 marks)
- b) How may language planning cause / lead to language shift? (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) What is code-switching? (2 marks)
- b) With an example for each, distinguish between anticipatory and consequential switching. (6 marks)
- c) With appropriate examples, describe **four** functions of code-switching. (12 marks)