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AEN 803: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2014 TIME: 2.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. Using examples from different speech communities discuss any five outcomes of language contact in bilingual societies. (30 marks)
 2. Describe the following aspects of methodology in sociolinguistic study.
 - a) Informant's background (10 marks)
 - b) Two data collection methods (10 marks)
 3. Using Nairobi as an example, show how a sociolinguist may account for the SOCIAL DISTANCE between interlocutors by correlating language choice with
 - a) Ethnicity (10 marks)
 - b) Social class (10 marks)
 4. With the aid of a suitable example in each case, distinguish between the following:-
 - a) Isogloss and centre of prestige (5 marks)
 - b) Mesolect and acrolect (5 marks)
 - c) Code mixing and code-switching (5 marks)
 - d) Standardization and graphization (5 marks)
 5. a) **Either**
Highlight any four principal areas in which the Labovian and the Audience Design models differ in their treatment of stylistic variation. (20 marks)
- Or**
- b) Discuss five parameters of determining the degree of language endangerment as proposed by UNESCO (2003) (20 marks)