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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

AEN 825: LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

DATE: FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2015

TIME: 2.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

- Q.1 Discuss the relationship between language, culture and thought as proposed by Sapir and Whorf (30 marks)
- Q.2 Drawing examples from THREE different languages, discuss any five types of ethnographically determined patterns of communication (20 marks)
- Q.3 Explain how the notions genre, topic and participant influence speakers' language choices in cultural contexts. (20 marks)
- Q.4 Distinguish clearly between the following pairs of concepts with examples from two different languages:
- a) Social meaning and universal meaning (4 marks)
 - b) diglossia and multilingualism (4 marks)
 - c) enculturation and cultural identity (4 marks)
 - d) taboo and euphemism (4 marks)
- Q.5 a) Critically evaluate the cultural dynamics of Kenya's ethnolinguistic profile. (10 marks)
- b) With examples, evaluate the contention that cultural and social change are intertwined with language change. (10 marks)
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