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FOURTH YEAR SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS
AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions,

Question one

a. Giving examples explain the following sociolinguistic concepts: dialect, idiolect, Lingua franca, Diglossia, Bilingualism, Multilingualism, language maintenance, language shift, language death, monolingual (20mks)

b. With relevant examples discuss pidginization and creolization (10mks)

Question two

a. With relevant examples state and explain **three** factors that influence language planning (9mks)

b. Using Kenya as reference point, discuss the various forms of code switching and code mixing. (11mks)

Question three

Discuss the **five** factors with which sociolinguists are concerned in studying the relationship between society and language. (20mks)

Question four

With example of languages, explain the concepts speech communities (20mks)

Question five

Discuss **five** criteria Bell (1976) used to discuss different kinds of languages. (20mks)