



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
AEN 403: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

1. a) Use two examples to explain the difference between individual and societal bilingualism. (4 marks)
- b) Explain any FOUR characteristics of a Pidgin language. (8 marks)
- c) Explain how social network can help you during research. (4 marks)
- d) Explain how bilingualism contributes to language shift (4 marks)
- e) Define the following sociolinguistic terms:
 - i. diglossia (1 mark)
 - ii. patois (1 mark)
 - iii. language shift (2 marks)
 - iv. bilingualism (2 marks)
 - v. code switching (2 marks)
- f) Explain how taboo words contribute to language change (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss FIVE considerations that you need to make as you prepare to carry out a sociolinguistic research.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain any FOUR factors that determine the differences of linguistic repertoire between male and female. (12 marks)
- b) Show any FOUR situations that would demand that you use code switching as a speaker. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the statement that 'language and society are intertwined'.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Supposing that you are the Principal Secretary in the State Department of Education in Kenya whose responsibility is developing a language planning policy. Explain the salient features that would guide you as you make the language policy plan.