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END OF SEMESTER EXAM (SEPT- DEC 2022/2023)

COURSE CODE: ENG 211

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question 1 in Section A and any other two in Section B

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

1.a) Distinguish between sociolinguistics and sociology of language (4 marks)

b) With illustrations describe how language relates to:

i. social class (2 Marks)
ii. gender (2 marks)
iii. Received pronunciation (RP) (2 Marks)
iv. ethnicity (2 marks)

c) Explain the process of making a language the official language. (12 Marks)

d). Discuss **three** of Bell's (1976) criteria of discussing different kinds of languages (6 Marks).

SECTION B

2. a) Justify the three functions of a lingua franca (3marks)

b) Describe the process of pidginization (6marks)

c) If someone told you that pidginized varieties of a language are 'corrupt' and 'ungrammatical,' and indicated that their speakers are either 'lazy' or 'inferior,' how might you try to show that person how wrong he or she is with evidence? (6 marks)

3. a). State what causes language death. (2 marks)

b). Explain the following concepts with illustrations in relation to language (8 Marks)

i. deprivation,

ii. dominance,

iii. decay

iv. attrition

c). Describe the verbal deprivation theory and using two key arguments, defend or refute this theory (5Mks).

4.a) State what the Whorfian hypothesis is. (3 Marks)

b) How is the basis of the Whorfian Hypothesis reflected in language in societies? (12 Marks)

5 a). Distinguish between code-switching and borrowing as different phenomena. (4 marks)

b). Discuss the effects of multilingualism in a community (6 marks)

c) Defend the existence of diglossia in language (5 Marks).

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