

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION/BA ARTS
REGULAR**

UNIT CODE: AEN 403

UNIT TITLE: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

**Instructions: Answer question one (Compulsory) and any other two questions in Section B.
SECTION A**

1. a) State any three importance of social networks. (3 Marks)

- b) Outline features of a national language. (3 Marks)

- c) Clearly, explain the functions performed by the following languages in Kenya. (4 Marks)
 - i. English
 - ii. Kiswahili

- d) Clearly discuss the following terms as used in sociolinguistic. 12mks)
 - i. Idiolect
 - ii. Bilingualism
 - iii. Language maintenance
 - iv. Code switching
 - v. Mutual intelligibility
 - vi. Language repertoire

- e) Describe four areas where language and society interrelate (8 Marks)

SECTION B

- 2 a) Distinguish between language planning and language policy (6 Marks)
 - a) Describe the process of language planning. (8 Marks)
 - b) Elaborate four any factors to consider before the process of language planning

- 3 a) Explain any four types of bilinguals (8mks)

b) Describe any four benefits of being a multilingual or a bilingual (12 Marks)

4 a) State any four characteristics of standard language (4 Marks)

a) Show the difference between a language and a dialect (4 Marks)

b) Use appropriate examples to describe the process involved in language standardization (12mks)

5 a) Using appropriate examples explain the following terms: (4mks)

i) Language shift

ii) Language death

b) Describe any three causes of language endangerment (6mks)

c) Clearly describe five factors motivating language shift (10 Marks)