DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

UNIT CODE AEN 516: LANGUAGE VARIATION AND FUNCTION

DATE: MAIN EXAM TIME: 2 HOURS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

- 1. i) Explain the significance of the following factors on language variation (12mks).
 - a) Gender
 - b) Social status
 - c) Ethnicity
 - d) Age
 - ii) Demonstrate the concept of dialectology in linguistics (8 mks).
- 2. i) Diagnose how language change may occur in different societies (12mks).
 - ii) Using appropriate examples explain any FOUR linguistic features that may be affected by language change (8mks).
- 3) Illustrate different types of linguistic variation (20 mks)
 - 4. i) Explain any four ideal goals of a standard language (8mks)
 - ii) Summarize any TWO theories concerning the origins of pidgins and creoles (12mks).
 - 5. Critically examine the implications of Diglossia and Code-Switching for English Language Teaching and Learning (20mks).