

**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)