

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) Ageii) 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).