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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2023_1 POP EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 856

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED SOCIOLINGUISTICS

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **4** Questions

1. Write short notes on the following as concepts of sociolinguistics:
 - a. Speech community (**5 marks**)
 - b. Mutual intelligibility (**4 marks**)
 - c. Language (**5 marks**)
 - d. Speech repertoire (**3½ marks**)

(17½ marks)

2a. Discuss the asocial view of language. (**8½ marks**)

2b. Distinguish between micro-sociolinguistics and macro-sociolinguistics. (**9 marks**)

(17½ marks)

3a. Briefly explain the term diglossia. (**5½ marks**)

3b. With reference to a speech community in Nigeria, explain the characteristics and functions of language in a diglossic situation. (**12 marks**)

(17½ marks)

4a. Compare the standard variety and non-standard variety of language. (**6 marks**)

4b. List and explain the criteria for standardisation of a language. (**11½ marks**)

(17½ marks)

5a. Explain the term 'World Englishes'. (**5½ marks**)

5b. Distinguish between diachronic and synchronic dimensions of language variation. (**12 marks**)

(17½ marks)