



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA
2023_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG355

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLINGUISTICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1. Discuss the following sociolinguistic concepts:

- a) Elaborated code **(4½ marks)**
- b) Restricted code **(4 marks)**
- c) Dialectology **(4 marks)**
- d) Idioglossia **(5 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

2. a) Briefly explain the notion of speech event. **(3½ marks)**

b) List the eight components of speech events as identified by Dell Hymes (1972) and explain four of them (1972). **(8 marks)**

c) Briefly distinguish between the notion of idiolect and ecolect. **(6 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

3 (a) Briefly distinguish with one example each, between accent and dialect. **(4 marks)**

(b) With one example, critically assess the idea of jargon as ‘a special type of vocabulary in a given language’. **(4½ marks)**

(c) Provide a brief discussion on Halliday’s ideational, interpersonal and textual functions in relation to language use in society. **(9 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

4 (a) Briefly explain the concept of code switching. **(3½ marks)**

(b) From your experience, identify four factors that could lead to code mixing/ code switching among Nigerian language users. **(8 marks)**

(c) Discuss decreolization as a process of contact language development. **(6 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)

5a) Explain the notion of Standard National English. **(5½ marks)**

b) From the four levels of lexis, phonology, syntax and semantics, argue for the reality of Nigerian English. **(12 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)