



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages
2021_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG454

COURSE TITLE: Multilingualism

COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units

COURSE DURATION: 3HRS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four question

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. a. Multilingualism and bilingualism are related yet different concepts. Discuss
(8^{1/2} Marks)

b. Code-mixing and Code-switching are sociolinguistic phenomena found in any
bilingual/multilingual society. Validate this claim. (9 Marks)
2. Using adequate examples, discuss the dense multilingual and multidialectal
nature of sub-Saharan Africa. (17^{1/2} Marks)
3. Multilingualism can either be seen as a blessing or a curse
 - If it is a blessing discuss its advantages using practical
examples
 - If it is curse, discuss its disadvantages citing up-to-date
examples. (17^{1/2} Marks)
4. a. What do you understand by language planning and policy? (5^{1/2} Marks)
b. Explain the following ideologies of language planning:
 - i. linguistic Assimilation (3 Marks)
 - ii. linguistic pluralism (3 Marks)
 - iii. vernacularization (3 Marks)
 - iv. internationalization (3 Marks)
5. a. What is orthography? (5^{1/2} Marks)
b. What do you understand by standard/official orthography? (12 Marks)

