



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages
2020_1 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG355
COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLINGUISTICS
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer **Three** Questions. Question No. 1 is
COMPULSORY

1. Write short notes on the following:
 - a) Bilingualism (6 marks)
 - b) Ambilingualism (6 marks)
 - c) Profanity (6 marks)
 - d) bipart-lingualism (6 marks)

(24 marks/50 minutes)
2. You are an English teacher in a state government junior secondary school in a suburban area of Nigeria. Identify 7 (7 marks) sociolinguistic factors that will determine your language use in the English language classroom and discuss with 4 examples (16 marks) of the factors.

(23 marks/35 minutes)
3.
 - (a) Briefly explain the sociolinguistic phenomenon of monolingualism (5 marks)
 - (b) Briefly discuss with examples the term speech community (8 marks)
 - (c) Identify a speech community in Nigeria and describe its linguistic structure (10 marks)

(23 marks/35 minutes)
4.
 - (a) Briefly explain with 2 examples each, Halliday's three functions of language (9 marks)
 - (b) Discuss the notion of 'poverty of the stimulus' in sociolinguistics (5 marks)
 - (c) Discuss decreolisation as a sociolinguistic concept (9 marks)

(23 marks/35 minutes)