



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**End of Semester Examinations: January/February 2018**  
**ENG355: Introduction to Sociolinguistics (3C)**

TIME: 3HRS

**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER ONLY **THREE** QUESTIONS (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional **3 marks** for each question attempted.*)

1. (a) What do you understand by pidginisation? (8 marks)  
(b) Discuss 4 areas of differences between pidgins and creoles (12 marks)
2. (a) Language is a tool for gender discrimination. Discuss (15 marks)  
(b) From your study and observation, give 5 differences between the ways men and women use language in society (5 marks)
3. Write an essay on the topic: 'Nigeria's multilingual nature – a blessing or a curse? (20 marks)
4. (a) Discuss briefly the term Received Pronunciation (8 marks)  
(b) Identify with at least 2 examples each at the four linguistic levels, characteristic features of Popular Nigerian English (12 marks)
5. Write short notes on the following (5 marks each):
  - a) Dialects
  - b) Slangs
  - c) Idiolects
  - d) Jargon