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## NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA Faculty of Arts Department of Languages

2019 1 Examinations

**COURSE CODE:** ENG454

**COURSE TITLE: MULTILINGUALISM** 

**CREDIT UNITS:** 3

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS** 

**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER **THREE** (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL (Correct use of language

elements will earn an additional 1 mark)

1. Discuss, with relevant examples, two (2) advantages and challenges each that characterise multilingual societies.

(23 marks/1 hour)

2. Compare and contrast the roles and functions of languages in Ghana and Nigeria. Highlight two (2) similarities and two (2) differences in the roles and functions of languages in the two countries.

(23 marks/1 hour)

3.To what extent do Nigeria's policies on language issues help to sustain or destroy minority languages?

(23 marks/1 hour)

4. 'Africa is the only continent where the majority of children start school using a foreign language'. Critically examine the implications of this statement in the light of the Nigerian experience.

(23 marks/1 hour)