



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**2023 2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**COURSE CODE: ENG 453**

**COURSE TITLE: Language and National Development**

**COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units**

**DURATION: 3 HRS**

**Instruction: Answer any four question**

1. Language is purely human activity, discuss this assertion mentioning and explaining five characteristics of language. **17<sup>1/2</sup> marks**
2. Humans use language to perform several functions according to the immediate need of the user, list and explain six functions which language is used to perform. **17<sup>1/2</sup> marks**
3. So many theories have been put forward to explain the source of language, list and explain five sources of language as explained in your course material **17<sup>1/2</sup> Marks**
- 4a Explain what you understand by Language family tree
- 4b explain these Language family trees: Niger-Congo, Nilo-Saharan Languages, and Chadic Languages **17<sup>1/2</sup> marks**
5. The terms “Growth”, “Westernization”, and “Modernization” are often confused with Development. Discuss these terms bringing out the differences in each. **17<sup>1/2</sup> marks**