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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG 856
COURSE TITLE: Sociolinguistics

COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units

Time allowed: Three (3) Hours

Instruction: Answer any four questions.

- Explain the difference between the social and asocial views of language.
 - From the perspective of at least three different scholars, define Sociolinguistics.
- Briefly trace the history of Sociolinguistics.
- Carefully explain the connections between language, Culture and Society.
- How would you explain the terms, 'speech norms' and 'social norms'?
 - Identify the differences between 'speech repertoires and 'speech behaviour'
- What is 'language spread' in the context of sociolinguistics?
 - Define 'linguistic diversity' in your speech community or immediate environment.