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ABUJA
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS.

COURSE CODE: ENG 454

COURSE TITLE: Multilingualism

COURSE UNITS: 3 Credit Units

Time allowed: Three (3) hours

Instruction: Answer any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1 a. Expatiate on the following concepts with an adequate example for each. **(10½ marks)**
 - i. Dialect
 - ii. Speech community
- b. Using appropriate examples, distinguish between lingua franca and national language. **(3½ marks each)**
- 2 a. With reference to any two multilingual African countries, discuss three advantages and three disadvantages of multilingualism. **(12 marks)**
- b. Discuss the status of English as a national or official language in Nigeria. **(5½ marks)**
- 3 a. Discuss individual level of language choice as an aspect of language planning. **(7½ marks)**
- b. Explain the activities that characterize the following stages of language planning and state the focus of each of the stages. **(10 marks)**
 - i. spadework and preparation
 - ii. mass mobilization and enlightenment stage
- 4a. Explain the following strategies of language management: **(10½ marks)**
 - i. participant strategies
 - ii. variety strategies

iii. situational strategies

b. Explain language planning and policy as a multilingual concept. **(7 marks)**

5a. Write short notes on the following as processes of language planning: **(10 marks)**

- i. Selection
- ii. Codification
- iii. Elaboration
- iv. Implementation

b. Explain linguistic assimilation and linguistic pluralism as ideologies of language planning.
(7½ marks)