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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.

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