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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

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TITLE OF PAPER: PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: ENG 403/ IDE-ENG 403

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper has four (4) questions.

2. Question 1 is compulsory.

3. Choose one other question from Questions 2 to Question 4.

4. Question 1 is worth thirty (30) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.

5. Presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions where necessary, and good language use will attract credit.

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) Critically discuss the theories given by Wolfson (1991) which explain how pidgin
languages originated. [20 marks]

(b) Distinguish between the following:

     (i)   Individual bilingualism and societal bilingualism   [3 marks]

     (ii)   Sociolect and dialect   [4 marks]

     (iii)   Language attitude and language ideology   [3 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

Explain how language can be a resource for expressing one's identity in terms of:

     (a) Age   [4 marks]

     (b) Social class   [4 marks]

     (c) Level of education   [4 marks]

     (d) Ethnicity   [4 marks]

     (e) Profession   [4 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

Choose one non- standard dialect of English and:

(a) Name the non- standard dialect of your choice. [1 mark]

(b) Name the geographical region where the dialect is spoken. [2 marks]

(c) Name the standard form of English to which the dialect subscribes. [1 mark]

(d) Using examples, describe some **phonological, morphological, lexical and syntactic**
differences between the Standard form of English and the non-standard dialect you
chose. [16 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

Discuss language features occurring in a speech of a bilingual which are absent from a monolingual speech. Illustrate your answer using examples.   **[20 MARKS]**