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COURSE TITLE : PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE : ENG 411/IDE ENG 403

DURATION : TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR QUESTIONS.
ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN TOTAL; QUESTION ONE
AND ANY OTHER

ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 30 MARKS EACH

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QUESTION 1

- a) Language is an indexical marker. With illustrations from the language(s) that you speak, explain how language catalogues the identities of their speakers. [10 marks]
- b) Describe the extent to which language policies are conduit pipes through which inequalities are perpetuated in different speech communities.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 2

- a) Differentiate between the phenomena of code-mixing, code-switching and code-meshing. [15 marks]
- b) What motivates speakers to switch between and mix codes? [10 marks]
- c) Why is code switching and mixing an uncertain matter and is resented in some speech communities?

QUESTION 3

- a) Explain the three stages of creating a standard language in corpus planning. [15 marks]
- b) Explain the extent to which you agree that there are no standard languages in linguistic communities. [15 marks]

QUESTION 4

'We don't see things as they are; we see them as we are.' Using the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, explain the truth of this statement.