



SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

CLE 404: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

DATE: 7TH DECEMBER, 2016

TIME: 1.30-3.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

- Q1.** (a). There is an extricable relationship between the sounds, words and syntax of language and the ways in which speakers of a language experience their world and behave in it. (20 mks)
- (b). Discuss the extent to which language endangerment can be argued to be a step towards language death. (10 mks)
- Q2.** In English as a Second Language ESL contexts in the world today and in Africa in particular, how realistic is it to aim at the “standard” variety of English? (20 mks)
- Q3.** “Social life, including language, is governed by norms - socially shared concepts of appropriate and expected behavior” Elaborate this statement from the sociolinguistic point of view. (20 mks)
- Q4.** Speech practice is typical of linguistic divergence between women and men. Explain (20 mks)
- Q5.** Using illustrations from your first language, explain how language makes use of deliberate linguistic circumlocution to address culture-related communication. (20 mks)
- Q6.** a) What do you understand by the term “speech Community”? (4 marks)
- b) State and explain four factors that are likely to lead to language maintenance. (8 marks)
- c) Explain how a typical Kenyan may belong to more than one speech community. (8 marks)