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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

UGRC 134: LANGUAGE IN SOCIETY

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer three (3) questions in all, one from Section A and two from Section B.

SECTION A (30 marks)

Answer **one** question from this section.

1. With the aid of a diagram, explain the two main types of language death. (30 marks)
2. Post-colonial African countries are typical examples of triglossic communities. Using the triglossic structure (with the triglossic diagram), explain triglossia. (30 marks)
3. a. State and explain three social attributes that contributes to language variation.
(15 marks)
- b. Write short notes on the following;
Dialect (5 marks)
Style (5 marks)
Register (5 marks)

SECTION B (40 marks)

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Answer **two** questions from this section for 20 marks each.

4. a. What are Face Threatening Acts (FTAs)? **(5 marks)**
- b. What are Face Saving Acts (FSAs)? **(5 marks)**
- c. Explain (briefly) two politeness strategies. **(10marks)**
5. a. What is non-verbal communication? **(5 marks)**
- b. Explain three types of non-verbal communication. **(15 marks)**
6. a. There are some forces that come into play in language contact situations. These are Accommodation and Group Loyalty. Explain Accommodation and Group Loyalty. **(10 marks)**
- b. What is lexical borrowing? **(5 marks)**
- c. Give two reasons that cause languages to borrow lexical items from other languages. **(5 marks)**
7. Write short notes on the following;
- a. Codeswitching **(5 marks)**
- b. Language maintenance **(5 marks)**
- c. Language shift **(5 marks)**
- d. The home as an agent of language socialization **(5 marks)**

