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COURSE CODE: ENG 353

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN NIGERIA (3 CREDIT UNITS)

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN NOT MORE THAN 2 PAGES FOR EACH QUESTION.

TIME: 2 HOURS.

1. Discuss the basic characteristics of Nigerian English by doing the following:
 - a. Illustrate with examples, one feature each at the phonological, grammatical, lexicosemantic, and discourse levels of Nigerian English.
 - b. Identify the level of linguistic analysis at which the features that distinguish the Nigerian English variety from other varieties occurs most. (23 marks)
2. Describe Awonusi's classification of the varieties of spoken English in Nigeria by
 - a. Identifying and explaining the parameters used for the classification; and
 - b. Identifying the variety that qualifies to be the standard variety. (23 marks)
3. Describe, with examples, 3 features that distinguish English from Nigerian Pidgin English. (23 marks)
4. Discuss the functions assigned to English in contrast with Nigerian languages according to the National Policy on Education. What are the associated problems and possible solutions? (23 marks)
5. In your view, is the English language in Nigeria is a symbol of national unity? Discuss and support your answer with examples. (23 marks)