



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**14/16 AHMADU BELLO WAY VICTORIA ISLAND**  
**LAGOS**

**OCTOBER 2013 EXAMINATIONS**  
**School of Arts and Social Sciences**

**Course code: ENG453**

**Course Title: Language and National Development**

**Credit Unit: (3C)**

**TIME: 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

1. Show your understanding of duality as a characteristic of human language. **(23marks) (2 pages).**
2. Illustrating with cogent examples, expatiate on the assertion of Thomas et al. (2004) that “by selecting one as appropriate and not another, you would be exploiting the affective aspect of language and showing yourself to be sensitive to the power or social relationship between you and the person you are addressing.”  
**(23 marks)**
3. (a) Clearly outline five roles of language in national development in Nigeria. **5marks**  
(b) Discuss these roles in relation to Nigeria’s national development.  
**(18marks)**
4. “No human language is superior to the other.” Discuss.  
**(23 marks)**
5. ‘English is a blessing to Nigeria’. Argue for or against this assertion.

**(23marks)**