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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

ENG454: Multilingualism (3CR)  
TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY **THREE** QUESTIONS

- 1a. What is multilingualism?  
b. Distinguish between 'de facto' and 'de jure' multilingualism.
2. Identify five multilingual nations and briefly discuss their cases.
3. "Nigeria cannot be regarded as a 'de facto' multilingual nation." Discuss, with tenable reasons given for your position on the issue.
4. Imagine that you were made a minister of education in Nigeria, how will you manage the clamour for an indigenous national language within the Nigerian volatile social environment.
5. Within the Nigerian social context, which language would consider the most prestigious? Give some important reasons why this is so.