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MARCH/APRIL 2014 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG454
COURSE TITLE: MULTILINGUALISM
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **3** Questions

1. (a) Discuss what you understand by multilingualism. (8 marks)
(b) State the difference between 'de facto' and 'de jure' type of multilingualism. (10 marks)
(c) Give two examples of each type. (4 marks)
2. Taking a look at the global occurrences of multilingualism, give five examples of nation/states that you consider multilingual and briefly discuss them. (22 marks)
3. Would you regard Nigeria as belonging to the 'de jure' extraction in multilingual terms? (5 marks)
If yes, provide six plausible reasons for your position. (17 marks)
4. As a concerned citizen in Nigeria, what will you like the Nigerian government to do in response to the general clamour for an indigenous national language within the Nigerian volatile social environment?(22 marks)
5. Looking at the present global setting, which language would consider the most prestigious? Give five important reasons you think are responsible for this. (5 marks)