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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG355

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLINGUISTICS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any 3 Questions (Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional 3 marks for each question attempted.)

1. Write a brief note on each of the following:
 - a. differences according to regional location (5 marks)
 - b. differences according to ethnicity (5 marks)
 - c. differences according to gender (5 marks)
 - d. differences according to occupation (5 marks)
2. Discuss briefly the eight elements of a speech event. (20 marks)
3. State and discuss four theories of creoles that have European base. (20 marks)
4. Evaluate the concepts of restricted and elaborated codes in relation to the Nigerian linguistic situation. (20 marks)
5. (a) In your home, would you prefer your children to speak English or your indigenous language? (6 marks)
(b) Give the five reasons for your choice. (15 marks)