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ENG355: Introduction to Sociolinguistics (3C)  
TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the various variables that are considered in making Sociolinguistic judgements in a society.
2. Using your language as an example, discuss the essential defining factors for dialects and languages, that is, identify features in your language that help you determine whether it is a dialect of a language or a distinct language in its own right.
3. Discuss the nature of pidgin in Nigeria, indicating whether you consider it as possessing a grammatical structure or if it is a “poorly developed grammar, with a limited vocabulary and only used out of necessity when any other kind of communication is impossible” Oha (2009).
4. Using the Nigerian social context as an example, how crucial a factor do you consider language in defining social status of individuals in the Nigerian society
5. In your home, would you prefer your children to speak English or your indigenous language? Give your reasons for your choice.

