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**FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES
JULY, 2017 _1 SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: ENG 454

COURSE TITLE: MULTILINGUALISM

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL

1. Explain, with examples, why multilingualism is viewed as a 'social phenomenon'.
(20 marks)
2. Mention and discuss five (5) factors that have influenced the development of multilingualism in Nigeria. (20 marks)
3. a. Compare and contrast India's language policy with Nigeria's policy on language as stated in the National Policy on Education (NPE). (20 marks)
b. Mention two (2) similarities and two (2) differences each in the roles and functions of languages in the two countries. (20 marks)
4. Discuss three (3) factors that determine the functions of indigenous languages in contrast to the functions of English in a multilingual context like Nigeria. (20 marks)
5. a. Discuss the need and criteria for the choice of one or more national languages in multilingual countries.
b. What problems do Nigerian languages have in meeting the criteria? (20 marks)