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COURSE CODE: ENG 353

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN NIGERIA (3 CREDIT UNITS)

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN NOT MORE THAN 2 PAGES FOR EACH QUESTION.

TIME: 2 HOURS.

1. Discuss the basic characteristics of Nigerian English.
 - a. Illustrate with examples, one feature each at the phonological, grammatical, lexico-semantic, and discourse levels of Nigerian English.
 - b. Identify the level of linguistic analysis at which the features that characterise Nigerian English variety occurs most.
2. Compare and contrast Brosnaham, Banjo, Bamgbose, and Awonusi's classifications of varieties of spoken English in Nigeria.
 - a. Highlight the parameters used for each classification; and
 - b. Identify a variety from each that qualifies to be the standard variety.
3. Explain, with examples, the sociolinguistic consequences of the English language in Nigeria. What are the implications for a practical language policy in Nigeria?
4. 'English language is a threat to the existence of Nigerian languages' Do you agree? Discuss.
5. In your view, is the English language in Nigeria a symbol of national unity? Support your answer with examples.