



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCES
& CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS LANGUAGE &
COMMUNICATION/BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS**

**COURSE CODE: LAC 3106-1
COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLINGUISTICS**

DATE: 8TH DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 1430-1630

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Question One is Compulsory**
- **Answer Any Other TWO**

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QUESTION ONE

- i). Discuss the relationship between language and society. (14mks)
- ii). Explain the following aspects of language:
- a).Language death (2mks)
 - b). Language dominance (2mks)
 - c). Lingua Franca (2mks)

QUESTION TWO

- i). Explain at least three functions of an official language in Kenya. (5mks)
- ii). Compare langue with competence and parole with performance and explain their relevance in sociolinguistics. (10mks)

QUESTION THREE

Explain the following concepts in the study of sociolinguistics:

- i). Creolization and pidginization (3mks)
- ii). Dialects and sociolects (3mks)
- iii). Bilingualism and multilingualism (3mks)
- iv). Slang and jargon (3mks)
- v). Diglossia and polyglottism (3mks)

QUESTION FOUR

- i). Distinguish between the use of swearing words and profanity. (5mks)
- ii). Explain at least five functions of using obscene words. (10mks)

QUESTION FIVE

- i). Outline five characteristics of multilinguals in the society. (5 mks)
- ii). Distinguish between spoken and written varieties of language. (10mks)

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