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COURSE CODE: ENG 206
COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY (3 UNITS)

TIME: 3HRS

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE** of the questions below with a precise answer of no less than two pages and no more than three pages.

Answer only **ONE** question in section A (30 marks) and any other two in section B (15 marks each). You will be graded on your accuracy, clarity, grammar, punctuation and detail. (10 marks)

SECTION A

1. Explain Language differences based on gender
 - a. What are some of the grammatical differences between the language of men and women that have been revealed in linguistic research?
 - b. In your own words, briefly describe any of the possible explanations for these grammatical differences.
 - c. In your opinion, is one of them more plausible than the other? Why?
2. Address each of the statements and questions below about standard and non-standard dialects.
 - a. Define standard dialect.
 - b. Define non-standard dialects.
 - c. Provide a few examples of how any non-standard dialect of American English differs grammatically from Standard American English.
 - d. How are the two types of dialects evaluated by society?
 - e. In general what social characteristics distinguish the speakers of the two types of dialects?

SECTION B

3. Discuss, (compare/contrast) the terms 'Diglossia' and 'Bilingualism'.
4. Discuss the term 'Ethnolinguistics'
5. Discuss the term 'Language Variation'. What are some of the consistent patterns of variation that have been found? For example, what is the relationship between the prestige variant of a variable and socio-economic class?
6. Discuss the relationship between language and identity from a perspective of your choice.