

3. (a) What do you understand by 'language variety'? (3mks)

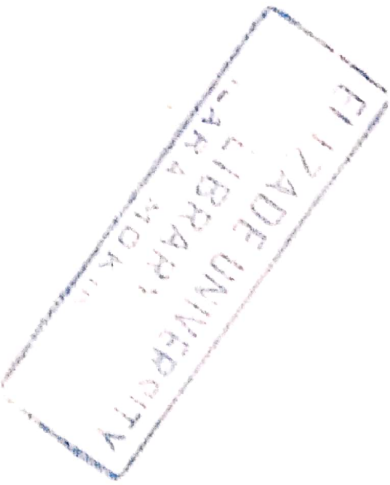
(b) Using examples from English and Nigerian languages, explain in detail how the following factors lead the development of dialects.

- i. geographical distance
 - ii. contact with other languages
 - iii. distinctive local realities and culture
- (12mks)

4 (a) List the determinants of social class. (3mks)

(b) How does social class affect language? (3mks)


(c) How important are the distinctions of age and gender in language use on a typical Nigerian university campus? (9mks)



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General Instructions: Answer Question 1 and any other two.

1. (a) What are the factors affecting language functions in society? (10mks)

(b) One line of the old National Anthem of Nigeria states: "*Thought
 tribe or tongue may differ, in brotherhood we stand...*"
 Discuss the status of Nigeria as a multilingual country, and discuss
 the roles and statuses of English and any three Nigerian languages,
 one of which must be a major language other than your mother
 tongue. (20mks)

2 (a). Define 'speech community'. (3mks)

(b) Write short notes on any three of the following:

- i. idiolect
- ii. social dialects
- iii. styles and registers
- iv. vernacular
- v. lingua franca

(4mks each)