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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

KEN 2302-LANGUAGE POLICY

Date: 20th April 2023
Time: 10.30pm-12.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a). Discuss any three major problems associated with multilingualism in Kenya. (9 marks)
- b) How does the Constitution of Kenya 2010 impacts on language policy implementation in Kenya? (5 marks)
- c) Briefly, explain what the following words in the sociolinguistics of Kenya.
 - i. Language policy (3 marks)
 - ii. Argot (2 marks)
 - iii. Register (2 marks)
 - iv. Official language (2 marks)
 - v. National language (2 marks)
- d). Distinguish between Macro sociolinguistics and Micro sociolinguistics approaches to understanding sociolinguistics. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Account for the history of language planning in Kenya between 1963 and 1974. (10 marks)
- (b) What are some of the advantages of standardizing language? (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Account for the History of language planning in Kenya past 1973 to 2010. (10 marks)
- (b) In your own opinion, what is the future of Kiswahili language in Kenya and Africa as a whole? (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how a language is planned as per the stages listed below.
 - (i) Identification (4 marks)
 - (ii) Codification (4 marks)
 - (iii) Elaboration of function (4 marks)
 - (iv) Acceptance (4 marks)
- b) What is multilingualism? (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

- a) Trace the origin of Sheng language in Kenya (10 marks)
- b) Discuss any five roles Kiswahili language can perform. (10 marks).