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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
2018/2019 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 217**

**DATE: MAY/JUNE, 2019**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**Instruction: There are six questions. Answer 3 questions (Question 1 and any other two).**

1. Explain the term '*national language*', in terms of the following:
  - a. provincial function (10 marks);
  - b. wider communication (10 marks); and
  - c. group (10 marks).
2. What do you understand by '*speech community*'? (20 marks)
3. Discuss the term '*language variation*'. (20 marks)
4. What causes *language diversity*? (20 marks)
5. What is your understanding of the relationship between language and age? (20 marks)
6. Discuss the term '*register*', particularly with regard to *subject matter*, *medium* and *formality* (or *style*). (20 marks)