



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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

**SCHOOL OF ARTS HUMANITIES SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**M.A(LINGUISTICS)**

**COURSE CODE: LIN 8210**

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLINGUISTCS**

**DATE: 17/4/2023**

**TIME: 1430-1630 HRS**

---

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer any **THREE** questions

*This paper consists of 3 printed pages. Please turn over*

1. (a) Using two specific examples, discuss the notion of register in language use. (12 marks)  
(b) Explain the reasons for code switching in language use. (8 marks)
2. Discuss the concept of 'dialects' clearly showing how their presence in language affects language use. (20 marks)
3. Examine the ethnographic approach to language studies. (20 marks)
4. (a) Distinguish between pidgins and Creoles. (10 marks)  
(b) With adequate illustrations of languages that were affected, discuss the factors which cause language death/shift. (10 marks)
5. Describe language variation under the following factors:
  - (a) gender
  - (b) age(20 marks)

//END//