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**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION [ARTS]  
FIRST SEMESTER 2017/2018  
(MAY - AUGUST, 2017)**

**ENGL 221: GENDER IN LANGUAGE**

**STREAM: Y2S1**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: FRIDAY, 12:00-2:00 PM**

**DATE: 25/09/2017**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. *Do not write anything on this question Paper.*
2. *Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.*

**QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Explain the terms: [8 marks]
- (i) Gender
  - (ii) Sex
  - (iii) Masculinity
  - (iv) Neuter language
- (b) Outline and discuss the gender differences in mixed sex discourse. [10 marks]
- (c) Identify linguistic features that characterize women speech. [12 marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

Discuss five of the following approaches on the study of gender in language. [20 marks]

- (i) Dominance approach
- (ii) Deficit approach
- (iii) Difference approach
- (iv) Cultural approach
- (v) Biological approach

### QUESTION THREE

Using detailed examples show the differences between males and female speech in English. [20 marks]

### QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Define the term sexist language. [2 marks]
- (b) English language is sexist. Justify the assertion with examples. [20 marks]

### QUESTION FIVE

- (a) What is gender bias? [2 marks]
- (b) Discuss the gender differences in the following aspects: [15 marks]
  - (i) Conversational styles
  - (ii) Intonation
  - (iii) Pronunciation and grammar
  - (iv) Politeness
  - (v) Syntactic and sentence structures.