



# **MASEÑO UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR  
THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS  
(CITY CAMPUS)**

### **ALN 808: SOCIOLINGUISTICS**

*Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012*

*Time: 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.*

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**ALN 808 SOCIOLINGUISTICS, Kisumu City Campus**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

1. Coulmans (1972) observes that language varieties and patterns of use correlate with social attributes such as gender and ethnicity. With illustrations, assess the validity of this observation. (30 mks)
  
2. Briefly discuss the following concepts:
  - a) Ethnolinguistic Vitality
  - b) Communicative Competence
  - c) Language Domain
  - d) Social Networks
  - e) Language Shift (15 mks)
  
3. Language change may originate from external as well as internal sources. With suitable examples, illustrate these influences. (15 mks)
  
4. Discuss Ferguson's (1959) notion of diglossia in relation to the approaches adopted later on the diglossic phenomena. (15 mks)
  
5. Are the practices of Language Planning and Standardisation relics of prescriptivism which should be discarded, or are they integral parts of inquiry which must constitute the current research programme? (15 mks)