



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

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

**ALN 808: SOCIOLINGUISTICS**

*Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014*

*Time: 9.00 - 12noon*

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer QUESTION ONE and ANY OTHER TWO questions.



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**Q1.** a) Clearly establish Hudson's (1996) distinction between Sociolinguistics and the Sociology of language. (5 marks)

b) Briefly describe the term 'linguistic marketplace' and outline the abilities needed to be present for a person to be considered a native speaker of a language. (10 marks)

c) Following Trudgill and Chesire (1998) explain FIVE different social categories which may be reflected in linguistic variation. (15 marks)

**Q2.** Explain the relationship between diglossia and bilingualism and demonstrate why some speech communities regard these concepts as serious threats to linguistic stability. (15 marks)

**Q3.** Basing your argument on the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis, describe, with examples, the co-occurrence between language and culture. (15 marks)

**Q4.** Define language planning and show how the stages of language planning impact on the choice of a national language. (15 marks)

**Q5.** Discuss Bickerton's (1977, p.116) assertion that 'pidginization is a second-language learning with restricted input...creolization is first-language learning with restricted input.' (15 marks)