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**1ST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**

COURSE CODE: ALN 808

TITLE: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question 1 and any other TWO.

1. Discuss the phases through which Ferguson's (1959) notion of diglossia has evolved in the attempt to accommodate emerging diglossic phenomena around the globe.
2. Discuss the extent to which the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis is an apt characterization of the human mind, language and reality.
3. Explain why the delineation between language and dialect may be described as a wild goose chase.
4. Explain how the social background of interlocutors determines the use of linguistic forms in a communicative event.
5. With illustrations from languages you are familiar with, show how language contact impacts on morphology, semantics and phonology