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HET 313 - Sociolinguistics

Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer ANY FOUR questions.

Equal marks are allocated to all questions.

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1. Summarise the uses and users of English internationally in terms of the concentric circles introduced by Kachru (Mckay, 1996). Provide examples.
2. Is it true that the processes of language planning and language standardization are the same? Discuss.
3. It is claimed that some languages are better than others. What opinion(s) do you have on this matter, and what evidence seems to support your answer?
4. Do you agree that Methodology is problematic at all stages in a sociolinguistic study? Give your reasons.
5. Discuss the concepts of elaborated and restricted codes and the criticisms which have been levelled against them.
6. It has been claimed that computer mediated communication might affect the way people habitually interact, including certain challenges to traditional interpersonal relations. What kind of evidence would you consider to be relevant to confirm or disconfirm such a claim?

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