

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS AND  
CULTURE (2012/2013) – MARCH 2015

ENG 3202 SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Time: Three (03) Hours.



Instruction to the candidates

- Answer **question No:1 and any three (03)** questions. The total number of questions to be answered in **four (04)**.
- Give suitable examples for each answer.
- Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and wrong grammar.

Q1. Briefly explain and distinguish the following terms:

- a. Linguistics
- b. Sociolinguistics
- c. Sociology of language

(25 Marks)

Q2. Discuss in detail the linguistic situations of Bilingualism and Multilingualism.

(25 Marks)

Q3. Define, discuss and exemplify 'dialect,' 'accent,' and 'register.'

(25 Marks)

Q4. What are pidgins and creoles and how are they formed? Give an account of typical pidgin/creole features and discuss their contexts of use, and the various approaches to their classification.

(25 Marks)

Q5. What is the usual mechanism by which a language or a dialect is standardized. Explain in brief the process involved in standardization.

(25 Marks)

Q6. What do you understand by the concept, Linguistic Competence as propounded by Noam Chomsky? How does it differ from Dell Hymes account, Communicative Competence? Explain.

(25 Marks)

Q7. Write short explanatory note on the following:

- a. Speech community
- b. Speech act
- c. Lingua franca
- d. Mutual intelligibility
- e. Social dialects.

(25 Marks)