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| FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER | |
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| INSTRUCTIONS |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer ALL the questions.2. Read all the questions carefully before answering.3. Number the answers clearly4. Give essay type responses where necessary5. Use blue or black ink only |

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 4 PAGES (Including this front page)

Answer all the questions

Question 1

Choose the correct

- 1.1 The difference between a language and a dialect 1
- A. Based on mutual intelligibility
 - B. Never Ambiguous
 - C. A socio-political not linguistic matter
 - D. Determined by qualitatively measured linguistics
- 1.2 Creating, changing, or adapting an orthography for a language is an example of... 1
- A. A status language planning
 - B. prescriptive language planning
 - C. linguistic imperialism
 - D. corpus language planning
- 1.3 The idea that there is one correct way of speaking and writing a language, and that this variety is naturally superior to other dialects, is... 1
- A. The correct way to think!
 - B. prescriptivism
 - C. descriptivism
 - D. competence
- 1.4 The Standard language... 1
- A. is a dialect which has a lot of prestige
 - B. is linguistically more sophisticated than dialects
 - C. has a more logical structure than dialects of a language
 - D. is the purest form of a language
- 1.5 The major language families represented in Namibia are... 1
- A. Slavic, Khoesan, and Germanic.
 - B. Romance, Germanic, and Bantu
 - C. Khoesan, Bantu, and Germanic
 - D. Baltic, Roman, and Germanic
- 1.6 When a minority language stops being spoken in a community because everyone speaks the majority language, we call this... 1
- A. language shift
 - B. language death
 - C. language maintenance
 - D. ethnolinguistic vitality

1.7 A lingua franca... 1

- A. Is a global language that is commonly spoken.
- B. Is the name of a French dialect
- C. is a language used for communication when people of different linguistic backgrounds
- D. cannot be your native language

1.8 Which of the following is NOT true about diglossia as proposed by Ferguson in 1959? 1

- A. There is a High and a Low language
- B. An example of a Diglossic situation is High German and the Bavarian dialect.
- C. The two languages are not spoken in the same situations.
- D. Everyone learns the Low language at home.

1.9 The ethnolinguistic vitality of a language... 1

- A. is determined by its social status in a community
- B. does not change over time
- C. is influenced by status, demographic and institutional factors
- D. is influenced by the economic means of the speakers

1.10 Which of the following is NOT an example of language planning? 1

- A. Introducing spelling reform
- B. Writing a descriptive grammar of a dialect
- C. Creating policies about what language the education system will use
- D. Declaring a language an official language of a nation

Question 2 3

Give three linguistic aspects according to which dialects may differ.

Question 3 10

There is often a misconception regarding Pidgin and Lingua franca. Explain the two concepts with the aid of relevant examples.

Question 4 5

Define the term slang and explain how it is formed.

Question 5 20

Language planning according to Wardhaugh has become part of modern nation-building. Following the statement by Wardhaugh on language planning, explain the different stages of a "standardization" by using any language of your choice as an example.

Question 6

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Write an essay of about 200 words where you explain 5 criteria that were used to motivate the choice of the official language in Namibia.

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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