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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION

COURSE CODE: JMC 405

COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

DATE: 10TH JANUARY, 2022 TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

Discuss the following functions of language and how they can be applied to improve relations in the county governments:

(a) Poetic function

(5 marks)

(b) Referential function

(5 marks)

(c) Emotive function

(10 marks)

(d) Social function

(10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

(a) Describe five social events that would make up an effective corporate social responsibility (10 marks)

(b) In view of public communication why is the image of any organization important?

(10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Language as a means of expressing ones identity and a controlling reality can be determined through various means peculiar to an individual. Using examples, discuss the following aspects of language and culture: (a) Dialect

- (b) Idiolect
- (c) Register
- (d) Multi-lingualism

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

(a) The importance of context in language use and interpretations cannot be over-emphasized. Discuss its importance. (10 marks)

(b) In your own view explain reasons why most public communicators fail in their duties. Propose possible remedies. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

(a) Identify the major features of graffiti. (5 marks)

(b) Explain the two ways the word jargon can be used, using adequate examples. (5 marks)

(c) Using examples discuss some reasons why people use slang. (5 marks)

(d) What makes the language of public relations offices unique? (5 marks)