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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE**  
**DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION [ARTS]**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022**  
**[JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 2022]**

**LING/ENGL 221: GENDER AND LANGUAGE**

**STREAM: Y2S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: FRIDAY, 3:00 – 5:00 PM**

**DATE: 16/09/2022**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

1.(a) What do you understand by the terms “sex” and “gender” (4marks)

(b) “The words we speak and the language we use situate us in our gender and social class” (Kaplan, 1998). With reference to this statement, discuss the speech patterns that characterise men’s and women’s language (20marks)

(c). How can “sexism” in language use be avoided/changed to ensure “gender neutral language?” (6marks)

2. (a).Define the term “gendered language” (2marks)

(b). Using relevant examples, distinguish between the terms: (18marks)

- Patriarchy and Matriarchy
- Sexuality and transgender
- Gender Identity and gender socialization

3. Discuss the key Approaches/ Theories of language and gender (20marks)

4. In what ways can the school (text books, teacher's talk and classroom interaction) promote gender bias /the use of gendered language?

(20marks)

5. (a)Distinguish between the terms "sexism" and "femininity"

(4marks)

(b).With reference to Lakoff (1975), explain any four social factors that account for differences in language use between men and women.

(16marks)