

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS, SEMESTER I – 2021/2022

ENGLISH STUDIES: THEORY AND PRACTICE

ENG 3173 - INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY

TWO HOURS

Answer any **THREE (03)** questions. All questions carry equal marks (20 marks per question)

1. Outline the main tenets of each wave of sociolinguistic variation, citing examples of studies discussed in class.
2. Sociolinguistic approaches to gathering and transcribing conversations are largely based on face-to-face interactions rather than virtual ones. Do you agree? Discuss in relation to either the approach of conversation analysis or the ethnography of speaking.
3. Concepts in politeness theory become complicated when they are applied to differing cultural contexts, thereby questioning a 'one-size-fits-all' theoretical model. Do you agree? Draw on examples from your own context to justify your response.
4. "The concept of a regional dialect is outdated". Do you agree? Discuss.
5. Explain in your own words what you understand to be translanguaging, discussing how it is related to bi/multilingualism. Where relevant, provide examples to illustrate your point.
6. Identify and discuss **THREE (03)** ethical considerations you would make when conducting sociolinguistic fieldwork.

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