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**EXAM**

**2031 Introduction to sociolinguistics**

**8.12.2015**

Tid/Time : 4 hours

Målform/Language : English

Sidetall/Pages : 1

Hjelpemiddel/Aid : Dictionary (English/English)

Merknader/Notes : None

Vedlegg/Appendix : None

**Eksamensresultata blir offentliggjort på nettet via Studentweb**

Answer two of the exam questions. In both texts you should make use of relevant theory and examples from the curriculum to support your discussion.

1. Language planning
   * Discuss how language planning plays a part when it comes to the position and development of languages.
2. Linguistic minorities
   * Discuss challenges that can be experienced by linguistic minorities in different parts of the world.
3. Language change

* Discuss the development of the English language in the US, Australia and New Zealand. It can be relevant to make some comparisons to English in the British Isles. You should use the quote below in your text.

*"When one reflects on the immense surface of country that we occupy, the general accuracy, in pronunciation and in the use of words, is quite astonishing. This resemblance in speech can only be ascribed to the great diffusion of intelligence, and to the inexhaustible activity of the population, which, in a manner, destroys space”*

(American author James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851))

1. Attitudes to language diversity

* Discuss the position of nonstandard varieties of English in the English-speaking world.