

## **THEME 02: Sociolinguistics**

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **(Book Chapters Fused)**

**Based on what you have read, answer the following questions:**

1. Provide a comprehensive Definition of Sociolinguistics.
2. State the common historical accounts regarding the origins of sociolinguistics.
3. Extract from the documents given the major features, characteristics, areas, concerns and objectives of both micro and macro–Sociolinguistics.

<b>Micro- Sociolinguistics</b>	<b>Macro- Sociolinguistics</b>

4. In reference to Question 3, identify the scope and foci of sociolinguistics.
5. “Sociolinguistics is based on empirical (quantitative) research”. Explain and illustrate your answer by stating the different research methods.
6. In your opinion, what differentiates dialectology research methods from sociolinguistics research methods?
7. What is meant by a linguistic variable?
8. Discuss the role of linguistic Variable in the study of sociolinguistics.