RESEARCH TOPICS

An Investigation into Issues relating to Sociolinguistics

1/ Idiolects

- 1.1. Favorite topics in everyday conversations.
- 1.2. Favorite non-verbal means frequently used in conversations.

2/ (Regional) Dialects

- 2.1. Regional / Territory Dialects
- 2.1.1 Varieties of Vietnamese: Northern Vietnamese
 Central Vietnamese
 Southern Vietnamese
- 2.1.2. Vietnamese English
- 2.2. International Englishes/Global Englishes

3/ Social Dialects/ Sociolects

3.1. Language and Gender

- 3.1.1. Women's and Men's Languages.
- 3.1.2. Contrasts in Male and Female Language Use
- 3.1.3. Gender and Politeness.

3. 2. Language and Age

- 3. 2.1. Some widely used baby talk words & phrases in Vietnamese.
- 3. 2.2. Teen-Talk
- 3. 2.3. Slangs (Teen, Criminals, Pollution, Fighting, Legal, Students...)

3. 3. Language and interests

3. 3.1. Taboos

3. 3. 2. Swearing

3. 3.3. Cursing

- 3. 3. 4. Euphemisms
- 3. 3. 5. Code-switching
- 3. 3. 6. Bilingualism/Multilingualims

3. 3. 7. Pidgin

RESEARCH TOPICS (continued)

4/ Language and Culture

- 4.1. Language, Social Status, Social Role, Social Solidarity, Social power and Social Distance
- 4.2. The factors influencing addressing people
- 4.3. The ways to address people
- 4.4 The ways to name people

5/ Language and communication

5.1. The factors affecting talk and silence

(a) age; (b) sex; (c) family relations;

(d) social relations; (e) positions; (f) professions;

(g) events, situations; (h) cultural rules; (i) taboos...

5.2. Linguistic routine

6. Changes in language

- **6.**1. Causes for language changes.
- **6.** 2. Types of changes: Phonetic, Grammatical, Semantic-Lexical, Borrowings
- 7/ Ways and methods contributing to language development Factors affecting language development.

RESEARCH STRUCTURE

- 1.Full name: Class:
- 2. Title of the Research
- 3. Aims for the research:
- 4. Methods of doing the research:
 - 4.1. Number of target people, places involved in the research
 - 4.2. Techniques to do the research
- 5.Background Knowledge (from the textbooks):
- **6.Findings and Discussions:**
- 7. Conclusion:
- 8. References (Books, Articles, Websites):

(Note: The research should be written in at least 800 words and at most 1000 words in English.)