



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS

LING 824: ENGLISH STRUCTURE, SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAM: R

TIME: 3 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY (12.30-3.30PM)

DATE: 19/12/23

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE

- a. State the sense relations existing between the following pairs of words (6 Marks)
- i. Hide and Conceal
 - ii. December and Month
 - iii. Bare and Bear
 - iv. Purple and Violet
 - v. Deep and Superficial
 - vi. Fish and Tilapia
- b. What is the significance of this unit in your study of applied Linguistics? (4 Marks)
- c. Using adequate examples, give explanations of meaning in terms of the Extensionalist theory (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explanations of meaning have been given in terms of the Mentalist view. Using adequate examples, discuss the Mentalist view (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the weaknesses of componential analysis (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- Discuss meaning in terms of **Four** of the following relationships (20 Marks)
- i. Denotation
 - ii. Connotation
 - iii. Contextual sense relationship
 - iv. Structural sense relationship
 - v. Reference and Sense

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain five causes of semantic changes (10 Marks)
- b) Using your original example explain the applicability of the Gricean maxims (10 Marks)