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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY (8.30-10.30AM)

DATE: 5/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Briefly describe the relationship between semantics and pragmatics (6 marks)
- (b) Using relevant examples, explain **THREE** types of meaning in semantics. (12 marks)
- (c) Analyze each of the following semantic roles in sentences. For each semantic role, provide two sentential examples. (6 marks)
- i. Agent
 - ii. Experiencer
 - iii. Instrument
- (d) Using appropriate examples, distinguish between sense and reference. (6 mks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the distinction among sentences, propositions and utterances. (9 mks)
- (b) Analyze five sense relations between words. (11 mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) With examples, explain why utterance meaning is considered more important in pragmatics than sentence meaning. (6mks)
- (b) Describe any four types of contexts and explain how they affect intended meaning of a speaker or writer. (14 mks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain any four shortcomings of Componential Analysis in Linguistics (8 mks)



(b) In the sentences below, identify the maxim of conversation that has been violated. Explain each of your responses. (12 mks)

i) Do not worry. I love exams. I always obtain 100% in all the subjects without studying.

ii) **Lecturer:** When are you going to submit your group assignment?

Student: It is December.

iii) **Student:** Where can I get information about the registration dates for next semester?

Administrator: Check

iv) Jason went to a supermarket to get his groceries this morning. He is drawing up his shopping list.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

(a) Define the term politeness as used in pragmatics. (4 mks)

(b) Explain any four ways in which one can use politeness theory to save face in a conversation or interaction (16 mks)

