



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS

LING 822: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

STREAM: R

TIME: 3 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY (8.30-11.30AM)

DATE: 19/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Briefly distinguish Discourse Analysis from sentence linguistics (10 marks)
- b) Discourse constitutes the society as well as being constituted by it. With illustrations explain what you understand by this assertion (8 Marks)
- c) With a specific example of a topic in mind, illustrate the basic method you would follow in doing Discourse Analysis in the light of Potter and Wetherell's (1987) basic steps in doing Discourse Analysis (12 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following approaches to discourse analysis (20 Marks)

Discourse analysis in linguistic tradition

Critical Discourse Analysis

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a). With clear illustrations distinguish between the following concepts as applied in Discourse Analysis (12 marks)
- (i) Constatives and performatives
 - (ii) Text and discourse
 - (iii) Given and new information
- (b). For a text to have cohesion it should have explicit markers. Analyze this statement explaining any four cohesive devices with illustrations. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

For discourse to be meaningful it must be interpreted in context. Expound this assertion using Illustrations based on Hymes speaking grid (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe the Ethnography of speaking as an approach to Discourse analysis under the following areas (20 marks)

- (i) Emergence and theoretical conception
- (ii) Methodological procedures
- (iii) Limitations

QUESTION SIX (20 MARKS)

Examine any five standard that a text must meet for it to be deemed a communicative occurrence according to Baeugrande and Dressler 1981 (20 marks)

