



# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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)