



# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS**

**LING 824: ENGLISH STRUCTURE, SEMANTICS  
AND PRAGMATICS**

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 3 HRS***

***DAY: THURSDAY (8.30-11.30AM)***

***DATE: 18/4/24***

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**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

(a) Examine the following notions:

- (i) presuppositions
- (ii) implicatures
- (iii) politeness
- (iv) indirectness

(12 marks)

(b) Using relevant illustration, discuss any four sense relations in meaning.

(8 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

(a) With adequate illustrations, discuss the various sense properties that sentences.

(10 marks)

(b) Examine the theory of componential analysis as used in semantics.

(10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

(a) Using relevant illustrations, examine any five types of meanings in Semantics.

(20 marks)

(b) Distinguish between Interpretive and Generative Semantics.

(12 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

In performing an illocutionary act, the speaker should utter something with the intended meaning to the hearer based on the situation and real condition. Discuss the validity of this claim making reference to Searles illocutionary speech acts.

(20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

With relevant illustrations, examine the Cooperative Principle by H. P Grice(1970).

(20 marks)

