



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 222

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 20TH JANUARY, 2022

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

This Paper Consists of 2 Printed Pages. Please Turn Over. ►

KIBU observes **ZERO** tolerance to examination cheating.

QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- (a) State four meanings of the concept 'meaning' in Semantics (8 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between lexical and compositional semantics (4 marks)
- (c) Explain the role of linguistic and situational context in determining meaning (6 marks)
- (d) Distinguish conventional from conversational implicature? (6 marks)
- (e) Explain the following pairs of concepts as used in Pragmatics; (6 marks)
- (i) Personal and spatial deixis (ii) Perlocutionary and illocutionary act
- (iii) Politeness and deference strategy

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) State four reasons why dictionary definitions are not adequate in specifying word meaning (8 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between the following lexical semantic relations using examples (12 marks)
- (i) polysemy versus homophony (ii) Antonymy versus synonymy
- (iii) hyponymy versus metonymy

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) With illustrations, explain the Behaviourist and Prototype approaches to meaning (8 marks)
- (b) What semantic (theta) roles are assigned to the underlined NPs in the sentences (6 marks)
- (i) John kicked the boy from the village
- (ii) Juma admired the lady at the shop
- (b) Explain the sentential semantics of entailment, paraphrase and contradiction (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the meaning of direct and indirect speech acts (4 marks)
- (b) Provide two sentences in which the maxim of quantity is violated and explain the words which indicate the violation (4 marks)
- (c) Using examples explain the six types of presupposition in pragmatics (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Differentiate Felicity and Truth conditions in pragmatics (4 marks)
- (b) Explain the relationship between sense, reference, denotation and connotation (7 marks)
- (c) What do the following pairs of terms mean as used in pragmatics (9 marks)
- (i) Inference and reference (ii) Presupposition and implicature
- (iii) Negative and positive face