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# **KIBABII UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

### **SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 214**

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS**

**DATE: 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022**

**TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM**

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#### **INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

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

**TIME: 2 Hours**

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### **QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

#### **EITHER**

- a) Using examples explain how the three levels of a speech acts influence speech. (6 marks)
- b) Contrast between gradable and ungradable antonyms. (4 marks)
- c) Show how antonymy and polysemy manifests in the English language. (10 marks)
- d) Outline the major aspects of the speech acts theory. (5 marks)
- e) Using examples differentiate between connotation and denotation. (5 marks)

#### **OR**

- a) Define the term semantics and outline the major differences between semantics, pragmatics and syntax. (12 marks)
- b) Briefly expound the following terms:
  - i. Truth condition and behaviorist theories. (8 marks)
  - ii. Instrument and benefactive. (4 marks)
- c)
  - i. What are synonyms? (2 marks)
  - ii. With the use of clear and appropriate examples, discuss any two ways of ascertaining the difference in the choice of synonym. (4 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Write briefly on each of the following sense relations:

- i. Hyponym
- ii. Polisemy
- iii. Antonym
- iv. Homonym

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain any three theories of meaning. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the major types of meaning. (10 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Highlight the different approaches to the study of Semantics (8 marks)
- b) Explain the following terms: (12 marks)
  - i. Analyticity
  - ii. Entailment
  - iii. Vagueness
  - iv. Ambiguity
  - v. Anomaly

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss Paul Grice's tenets of conversational implicature.

### **QUESTION SIX (20 MARKS)**

Show the importance of semantics and pragmatics in language use.