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**KIBABII UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR  
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER  
SPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS**

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

**COURSE CODE: ENG222**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND  
PRAGMATICS**

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**DATE: 28/07/2022**

**TIME: 2.00 PM – 4.00PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS  
FROM THOSE GIVEN.**

**TIME: 2HRS**

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions from those given.

**Question One (30 marks)**

- (a) Identify and explain the three branches of Semantics (6 marks)
- (b) Explain the interdependency of Semantics and Pragmatics as disciplines (6 marks)
- (c) Describe any four usefulness of Semantics study to you as a teacher of English (8 marks)
- (d) Distinguish between a face threatening act and a face-saving act in pragmatics (6 marks)
- (e) Using examples, explain your understanding of the term 'performative verb' (4 marks)

**Question Two (20 marks)**

- (a) Explain any five senses of the term 'meaning' as used in Semantic study (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss any five shortcomings of the Prototype Theory of word meaning (6 marks)

**Question Three (20 marks)**

- (a) Distinguish between the following pairs of semantic lexical relations (10 marks)
  - (i) Homonyms versus metonyms    Hyponyms versus heteronyms
- (b) Draw a semantic feature matrix based on the lexemes and features given below (10 marks)

**Lexemes:** Stallion, mare, boy, man, girl, woman

**Features:** [ANIMATE] [HUMAN], [FEMALE], [ADULT]

**Question Four (20 marks)**

- (a) Underline the deictic terms in the following sentences (6 marks)
  - (i) If you loved me then, why are you behaving this way now
  - (ii) She loved it here but that is neither here nor there anymore
- (b) For each sentence below, identify two presuppositions then state its class (8 marks)

- (i) John's brother has four sons
- (ii) Ukraine was invaded by the Russians in a war
- (c) Write down any four entailments from sentence 4b(i) above (4 marks)

**Question Five (20 marks)**

(a) In detail, explain the maxims of manner using specific examples (8 marks)

(b) Underline the hedges in the following sentences then state the maxim that may be violated (6 marks)

(i) As you already know, I am terrified by snakes

(ii) He couldn't make it without cheating, I guess

(iii) I am not sure but he was seen near the scene of the robbery

(c) For each of the following types of Speech Acts, provide two sentences (6 marks)

(i) Declarations

(ii) Expressives

(iii) Commissives