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2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

[PART-TIME STUDENTS]

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 222

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 25TH APRIL, 2023 TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the relationship between semantics and the following disciplines:
 - i. Psychology
 - ii. Sociology
 - iii. Anthropology
 - iv. Philosophy
- b) Give detailed account of the following concepts:
 - i. Presuppositions
 - ii. Entailment
 - iii. Ambiguity
 - iv. Vaguness
 - v. Tautology
 - vi. Metaphor

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

With at least six examples in semantics, analyse the aspects of sense relationship.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Discuss the interface between semantics and pragmatics, and their zone of divergence.

(10 marks)

b) Using sufficient examples, describe what you understand by deictic expressions.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

c) Write the conversation between two people or parties.

(4 marks)

d) Analyse the above conversation in line with Gricean Principle.

(16 marks)

QUESTON FIVE (20 MARKS)

Validate the following theories in relation to semantics and pragmatics: componential analysis theory and prototype theory.