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# **KIBABII UNIVERSITY**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR  
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

### **MAIN EXAMINATION**

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

**COURSE CODE: ENG 222**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

**DATE: 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023**

**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)**

- (a) Explain the three branches of Semantics in the study of meaning (6 marks)
- (b) State three reasons why dictionary definitions may not be useful to students (6 marks)
- (c) Explain any three usefulness of pragmatics to you as a teacher of English (6 marks)
- (d) Using examples, distinguish between distal and proximal deictics in pragmatics (6 marks)
- (e) Explain your understanding of positive and negative face wants using examples (6 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Explain the five types of dictionary definitions stating one advantage for each (10 marks)
- (b) Using examples, distinguish between reference, sense, denotation and connotation in the study of meaning (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Describe the five types of antonyms in language using sufficient illustrations (10 marks)
- (b) Draw a semantic feature matrix based on the lexemes and features given below: (12 marks)

**Lexemes:** Billy, boar, jack, sow, colt, foal, ram, ewe

**Features:** [EDIBLE], [YOUNG], [MALE], [ADULT]

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Write down two sentences that belong to each of the following speech acts (8 marks)
  - (i) Declarations      (ii) Expressives      (iii) Commissives      (iv) Directives
- (b) Identify the presupposition in each sentence and state the class it belongs to (8 marks)
  - (i) My house is large and expensive      (ii) I regret marrying a poor man
  - (iii) He failed to sit for the exam again      (iv) When did she arrive in Nairobi?
- (c) Explain any two implicatures in the sentence below (4 marks)

*Our MP has fulfilled some promises he made to us during the campaigns*

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Explain what the maxims of quality and quantity states (mean) (4 marks)
- (b) Provide two sentences that seem to flout the maxims given in (a) (4 marks)
- (c) Explain three felicity conditions required for the performance of a threat (6 marks)
- (d) State if there is any entailment between A and B and if so, the type of entailment (6 marks)
  - (i) A: Barasa lives in Bungoma county      B: Barasa lives in Webuye town
  - (ii) A: Mary has two children.      B: Mary is married