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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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

COURSE CODE: ENG 222

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 16TH AUGUST, 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 (30 MARKS)

- (a) Explain three differences between Semantics and Pragmatics in language (6 marks)
(b) State three shortcomings of viewing word meaning as a mental image (6 marks)
(c) Explain any three usefulness of pragmatics to you in Language teaching (6 marks)
(d) Distinguish between personal and temporal deictics using specific examples (6 marks)
(e) Explain Declarations and Expressives as types of speech acts using examples (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain any five shortcomings of dictionary definitions using examples (10 marks)
(b) Using examples, distinguish between homonyms, heteronyms, hyponyms, meronyms and metonyms in linguistic semantic study (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Using examples, classify sentence contradictions into three: contradictories, contraries and sub-contraries (6 marks)
(b) Draw a semantic feature matrix based on lexemes and features given below (10 marks)
Lexemes: Eucalyptus, pine, rose, avocado, tea leaves
Features: [EDIBLE], [ORNAMENTAL], [FRUIT], [TREE], [BEVERAGE]
(c) What are hedges and why are they important in conversations (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Distinguish between linguistic and situational contexts in pragmatics study (4 marks)
(a) State if there is any entailment between A and B and if so, the type of entailment (8 marks)
(i) A: Barasa travelled to Bungoma town B: Barasa arrived in Bungoma town
(ii) A: Mary is a Russian B: Mary speaks Russian
(b) Identify the presupposition in each sentence and state the class it belongs to (8 marks)
(i) Your son is a dangerous thief (ii) I am glad you came for the party
(iii) He stopped smoking bang (iv) When did Mary marry John?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Write down two felicity conditions for the following speech act to be correctly performed (4 marks)
I sentence you to life imprisonment!
(b) Identify any two implicatures from the following sentence (4 marks)
I sometimes drink alcohol
(c) Discuss the four maxims of conversation and for each, show how they promote the Cooperative Principle (12 marks)