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**FORTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**ENGL 442: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

**STREAMS: B.ed (arts), BA**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 25/03/2021**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- *Answer three questions in ALL. Question ONE is compulsory*

**QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Distinguish between semantics and Pragmatics showing how they relate to semiotics and syntactics. (10 marks)
- (b) There are no real synonyms in any language. Discuss this statement showing circumstances that lead to synonymy. (10 marks)
- (c) Discuss the role of presuppositions in the codification of meaning. (10 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- (a) Discuss the speech act theory as stipulated by J.R Searle (1975). (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss five types of meanings using appropriate illustrations. (10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

Explain and critique the image theory of meaning. (20 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

Explain conversation implicature within Grices Conversational Analysis Frame work. (20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

Discuss the nature, causes and consequences of semantic change.

(20 marks)

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