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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 442: SEMANTIC AND PRAGMATICS

STREAMS: B. ED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 21/09/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

 *Answer question one and any other two questions*

1. a) Differentiate between semantics and pragmatics. (4 marks)
b) differentiate between the naturalist the nurturalist approaches to meaning. (4 marks)
c) Explain briefly the main weakness of the following association to meaning
 - i. Sense (4 marks)
 - ii. Reference (4 marks)
- d) Using illustration explain the terms logical and grammatical linguistics. (6 marks)
- e) Differentiate between implicature and presupposition in meaning. (8 marks)

2. Discuss the following theories indicating their limitations in analysis of meaning:
Referential theory. (10 marks)
Ideational theory. (10 marks)

3. Providing adequate examples, explain any five types of meaning. (20 marks)

4. a) Explain the main approaches to lexical semantics. (12 marks)

b) From the point of view of structural linguistics, linguistic units can be studied from the point of two axes. Identify and explain these two axes. (8 marks)

5. Explain the distinction between contrast, opposition and complementation in meaning analysis. (20 marks)

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