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UNIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 834: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

STREAMS: MA (LINGUISTICS) Y1S2 SB

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 5/12/2018

8.30 A.M -11.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any **FOUR** Questions
- Do not write anything on the question paper

1. The structure and function of language are closely related and should be treated as such. Discuss this assertion critically. [15 Marks]
2. Critically discuss the co-operative principle by Grice. [15 Marks]
3. With examples, discuss various speech acts by John Searle. [15 Marks]
4. Discuss specific features of language that would indicate ideological bias-according to Critical Discourse Analysis. [15 Marks]
5. Context is key in the pragmatics of language. Discuss various contexts and show how they influence discourse. [15 Marks]
6. Discuss the major issues in one of the following approaches to discourse analysis. [15 Marks]
 - (a) Conversation Analysis
 - (b) Relevance Theory
 - (c) Interactional Sociolinguistics
 - (d) Ethnography of communication