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

ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) Y4S1 P/T

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 8/08/2019

8.30 A.M - 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer **THREE** Questions only
- Question **ONE** is **COMPULSORY**
- Do not write anything on the Question paper

1. (a) Distinguish the terms semantics, pragmatics and semiosis as used in linguistics. [6 Marks]
- (b) Citing appropriate examples, expound on the following pragmatic concepts;
 - (i) Entailment [6 Marks]
 - (ii) Presupposition [6 Marks]
- (c) With detailed illustrations, distinguish between synonymy and antonymy highlighting the key aspects of each. [12 Marks]
2. What role does the deictic center play in pragmatics of deixis. Give detailed exposition in relation to at least five types of deixis. [20 Marks]
3. Giving appropriate examples, discuss the nature and causes of semantic change. [20 Marks]
4. Discuss the main tenets of the politeness theory. [20 Marks]
5. Explain the role of the Gricean maxims in effective communication according to the pragmatics theory. [20 Marks]

