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

ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 06/12/2017

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer three questions in All. Question ONE is compulsory.**

1. (a) Semantics, pragmatics and syntactic are subsumed under Semiotics. Discuss [8 marks]
  - (b) Explain the following terms, citing appropriate examples:
    - (i) Congruence [4 marks]
    - (ii) Incompatibility - [4 marks]
    - (iii) Componential analysis [4 marks]
  - (c) Discuss the role of presuppositions in the codification of meaning. [4 marks]
  2. (a) Discuss the Speech Act Theory as stipulated by J.L Austin (1962). [10 marks]
  - (b) Discuss five types of meanings using appropriate illustrations. [10 marks]
  3. Explain and critique the image theory of meaning. [20 marks]
  4. Explain conversational implicature within Grice's conversational analysis framework. [20 marks]
  5. Discuss the nature, causes and consequences of semantic change. [20 marks]
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