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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

ENGL 833: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAMS: MA (ENGL) S.B TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 09/08/2018 2.30 PM - 5.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any Four Questions

- 1. What is the relationship between semiotics, semantics and pragmatics? [15 marks]
- 2. Discuss the causes and consequences of semantic change in time and space.

[15 marks]

- 3. "Reference and sense are like two sides of the same coin in semantics". Explain this statement. [15 marks]
- 4. Explain and critique the image theory of meaning. [15 marks]
- 5. Critically examine the Speech Act theory as a theory of language use. [15 marks]
- 6. Discuss the types of presuppositions showing how they are used to codify meaning.

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