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

ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAM:SB TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 10/08/2018 8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTION:

- Question one is compulsory. Answer three questions in all
- All the answers should be illustrated with relevant examples.
- 1. (a) Discuss the importance of the theory of sense and reference in the interpretation of meaning. [10 marks]
 - (b) Explain the significance of deixis in the interpretation of meaning. [20 marks]
- 2. Justify the relevance of the Gricean maxims of meaning. [20 marks]
- 3. Exemplify how the following help us in the interpretation of meaning.
 - (i) Implicatures. [10marks]
 - (ii) Prescription presuppositions [10marks]

[10marks]

- 4. Discuss J.L Austin's theory of speech acts. [20 marks]
- 5. Discuss six types of lexical relations. [20 marks]