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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF

ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAMS: SB TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE:WEDNESDAY 25/07/2018

11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M

INSTRUCTION:

1. (a) Show how the linguistic context is significant in the interpretation of meaning.

[15marks]

- (b) Define the following terms:
- (i) Implicatures [5marks]
- (ii) Presuppositions [5marks]
- (c) Explain the difference between pragmatics and semantics. [5marks]
- 2. Exemplify on the Cricean principles and show how they can be flouted. [20marks]
- 3. Discuss six types of lexical relations. [20marks]
- 4. With examples, show how the theory of sense and reference is significant in explaining how we interpret meaning. [20marks]
- 5. Discuss J.L Austin's speech act theory. [20marks]
