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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS**

ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

STREAMS: BED ARTS SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/04/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer question ONE and any other TWO.**

- (a) Clearly explain the terms semantics and pragmatics. (6 marks)
 - (b) Differentiate between reference and implicature as used in the study of meaning. (4 marks)
 - (c) Using relevant examples explain the differences between syntactic and semantic structures. (12 marks)
 - (d) Discuss the conceptual and associative meaning. (8 marks)
- (a) Language is dynamic, explain the two types of semantic change in language. (8 marks)
 - (b) Use clear examples discuss the causes of semantic changes. (12 marks)
- (a) Explain the role of contest in meaning. (8 marks)
 - (b) Discuss the following sense relations.
 - (i) Homograph. (3 marks)
 - (ii) Hyponymy. (3 marks)
 - (iii) Polysemy. (3 marks)
 - (iv) Metonymy. (3 marks)

4. Grice (1975) discussed five maxims in cooperative principle. Explain how the violations of the maxims affects meaning. (20 marks)
 5. Using clear illustrations, discuss the importance of semiotics in the study of meaning. (20 marks)
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