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

ENGL 424: LINGUISTICS AND THE STUDY OF LITERATURE

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 10/08/2018

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTION:

- **Question one is compulsory**
- **Answer three question in all**

1. (a) Read the following sentences carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(i) Pass me that pitcher

(ii) There is a bat on the table

(iii) Wanted: man to the take care of a cow that does not smoke or drink.

For each sentence above.

- (i) Identify the type of ambiguity [6marks]
- (ii) Give at least two meanings of each sentence. [6marks]
- (iii) Explain the disambiguating technique you would use to disambiguate the sentence. [6marks]

(b) Show how we use tautology in everyday life either knowingly or unknowingly.

[12marks]

- 2. Discuss the concept of diction in linguistics. [20marks]
- 3. Explain six instances in English language where the canonical word order is not followed. [20marks]

4. Discuss five types of archaisms. [20marks]
5. With illustrations, explain the meaning of the following terms:
- (i) Malapropos [4marks]
 - (ii) Circumlocution [4marks]
 - (iii) Neologisms [4marks]
 - (iv) Cliches [4marks]
 - (v) Pleonasm [4marks]
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