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**EMBU CAMPUS**

**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: TUESDAY 04/12/2018**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer question one and any other two questions.**

1. (a) Define semantic and pragmatics and show how the two differ. (6 marks)  
(b) Differentiate between  
(i) Polysemy and homonymy (6 marks)  
(ii) Reference and referent (6 marks)  
(c) What do the following terms mean?  
(i) Tautology  
(ii) Ambiguity  
(iii) Vagueness  
(iv) Presupposition (12 marks)
  2. Discuss the image theory of meaning. (20 marks)
  3. Explain how Searle advanced the speech act theory from Austin. (20 marks)
  4. Discuss the maxims of Cooperative Principle as advanced by Paul Grice. (20 marks)
  5. Discuss and illustrate how components of meaning are used to differentiate meanings of terms. (20 marks)
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