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

**ENGL 411: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

**STREAMS: B.ED ARTS**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer three questions in ALL. Question ONE is compulsory.**

1. (a) Discuss what the word 'mean' means in the following sentences (8 marks)
    - (i) He means to be there by 2.00 pm on Saturday
    - (ii) What does the word pedagogy mean?
    - (iii) That lightening means that there will be thunder
    - (iv) You are very disappointing. What is the meaning of all this now?
  - (b) Explain the following terms citing appropriate examples
    - (i) Sense (4 marks)
    - (ii) Incompatibility (4 marks)
    - (iii) Hyponymy (4 marks)
  - (c) Discuss the role of presuppositions in the codification of meaning. (10 marks)
2. (a) Discuss the speech act theory as stipulated by John R. Searle. (10 marks)
  - (b) Discuss the consequences of semantic change. (10 marks)

3. Explain and critique the theory of componential analysis. (20 marks)
  4. Explain conversational implicature within Grice's Conversational Analysis Framework. (20 marks)
  5. Discuss the politeness theory and show how it applies in pragmatics. (20 marks)
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