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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)**

ENGL 834: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

STREAMS: MA. ENGL (SB/PT)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 14/07/2021

08.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any THREE question

1. Context is key in interpretation of discourse. Discuss this statement with illustrations of various contexts. (20 marks)
2. How does the Relevance Theory address the weakness in Grice's Theory of Cooperative Principle? (20 marks)
3. Discuss the Speech Act Theory. (20 marks)
4. How do human beings use language to maintain harmonious relationships according to Brown and Levinson's theory of politeness? (20 marks)
5. Discuss the major tenets of Critical Discourse Analysis. (20 marks)
6. Discuss the major issues in one of these approaches to discourse analysis. (20 marks)
 - (a) Conversation analysis
 - (b) Relevance Theory
 - (c) Interactional Sociolinguistics
 - (d) Ethnography of communication