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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS LANGUAGE AND
COMMUNICATION**

COURSE CODE: LAC 3217

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 18TH APRIL, 2019

TIME: 1100 – 1300HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Question **ONE** is compulsory
- Answer any other **TWO** questions

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- Q1). a). Words contract various sense relations in sentences. With relevant examples, examine four of such relations. (12mks)
b). Using relevant illustrations, examine the theory of componential analysis. (8mks)
c). Briefly explain four role relations of English lexical words. (10mks)
- Q2). a). Discuss the contributions of the following approaches in the study of meaning:
I). Traditional semantics (4mks)
II). Structural semantics (4mks)
III). Generative semantics (4mks)
- b). Explain the relationship between semantics and the following disciplines:
I). Communication (4mks)
II). Sociology (4mks)
- Q3). a). Define the term 'speech act'. (2mks)
b). Explain any two types of speech acts. (8mks)
c). Explain the three levels of speech acts (10mks)
- Q4) a). State the conversational co-operate principle. (2mks)
b). Using relevant examples, explain the four maxims as presented by the cooperate principle. (8mks)
- c). Explain the following aspects of sentential meaning:
I). Vagueness (2mks)
II). Ambiguity (2mks)
III). Tautology (2mks)
IV). Presupposition (2mks)
V). Entailment (2mks)
- Q5). Discuss any five aspects on the nature of meaning. (20mks)

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