



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**& CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**MASTRE OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**

**COURSE CODE: LIN 8207**

**COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

**DATE: .....**

**TIME: 8.30AM - 10.30AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Attempt ANY THREE questions**

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**Q1. a)** Discuss the Co-operative Principle under the following sub topics

i) Observing the maxims (5 marks)

ii) Flouting the maxims (5 marks)

iii) Violating the maxims (5 marks)

b) Explain the limitations of the Cooperative Principle (5 marks)

**Q2.** Explain what you understand by each of the following terminologies as used in semantics and pragmatics:

i) Text (5 marks)

ii) Field of discourse (5 marks)

iii) Mode of Discourse (5 marks)

iv) Tenor of discourse (5 marks)

**Q3.** Discuss each of the following with reference to context and meaning:

i) Physical context (5 marks)

ii) Linguistics (5 marks)

iii) Social Context (5 marks)

iv) Situational context (5 marks)

**Q4.** Discuss implicatures under the following broad topics:

i) Conversational Implicature (5 marks)

ii) Generalized Conversational Implicature (5 marks)

iii) Scalar Implicature (5 marks)

iv) Particularized Conversational Implicature (5 marks)

**Q5. a)** Explain politeness theory as used in semantics and pragmatics.

(8 marks)

b) Discuss FOUR “face wants” of the politeness theory as expounded by Yule (2010) (12 marks)

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