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COURSE CODE: AEN 311

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 19/08/19

EXAMS SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00AM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory

Answer any other two questions

Question One: Compulsory (30 Marks)

- a. State and illustrate the differences between semantics and pragmatics (8 Marks).
- b. Using appropriate examples, describe the following types of meaning: (12 Marks)
 - i. Reflected meaning
 - ii. Conceptual meaning
 - iii. Connotative meaning
- c. With reference to Speech Act theory, explain how we can do things with words using performatives (10 Marks).

Question Two (20 Marks)

Discuss the following semantic relations, clearly showing how each contributes to the study of meaning: (20 Marks).

- a. Antonymy
- b. Synonymy
- c. Polysemy
- d. Hyponymy

Question Three (20 Marks)

Presuppositions and implicatures are a demonstration that we can mean more than what we say. Discuss (20 Marks).

Question Four (20 Marks)

- a. Analyse any four semantic roles of the clause (12 Marks).
- b. Explain the following representational units of meaning (8 Marks).
 - i. The morpheme
 - ii. The word

Question Five (20 Marks)

Compare and contrast the following two theories of meaning (20 Marks)

- i. Referential theory
- ii. Representational theory