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**COURSE CODE: AEN 311**

**COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM: (Bed. Arts )**

**DATE:**

**EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

## QUESTION ONE

- a. Explain the difference existing between each of the following pairs: (12 marks)
  - i. Homonymy and polysemy
  - ii. Conversational implicature and conventional implicature
  - iii. Semantics and pragmatics
- b. What presuppositions are involved in each of the following utterances. (4 marks)
  - i. My wife is a teacher.
  - ii. His children study in the United States.
- c. When talking about the world, we can use two theories of meaning: the referential theory and the representational theory. Define and contrast the two theories by use of examples. (4 marks)
- d. Saeed defines categories by necessary and sufficient conditions. Give an example of each of the two categories. (4 marks)
- e. Explain how implicatures are derived according to the philosopher Paul Grice. Provide examples. (6 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

Using examples, explain the significance of each of the following terms as used in pragmatics. (20 marks)

- i. Presupposition
- ii. Deixis
- iii. Speech event and speech situation
- iv. Entailment

## QUESTION THREE

- a. Discuss the eight maxims of the Politeness Principle as discussed by Leech (1983). (16 marks)
- b. Do you think it is possible to observe these maxims in each and every situation? (4 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

- a. What is a speech act? (2 marks)
- b. Discuss in detail the speech act theory. (12 marks)
- c. Bring out the difference between direct speech act and indirect speech act by giving suitable examples. (6 marks)

