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**2021\_2 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** ENG 352

**COURSE TITLE:** DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer Any **4** Questions

1. Write short notes on the following pragmatic concepts:

- a) Presupposition (**4½ marks**)
- b) Entailment (**4 marks**)
- c) Deixis (**5 marks**)
- d) Implicature (**4 marks**)

**(17½/45 minutes)**

2. (a) Explain the notion of felicity conditions. (**3 marks**)

(b) Briefly explain Grice's cooperative principles. (**4½ marks**)

(c) Read the following conversations, identify the maxims and discuss the ways in which they have been violated. (**10 marks**)

**(17½/45 minutes)**

i. A telephone conversation between husband and wife.

Husband: Hello Sola, you are negative

Wife (speaking with a rising tone): You are irresponsible, difficult to live with, erratic and incorrigible.

Husband: I meant your covid-19 result is negative.

Wife: Oh, sorry.

ii. An exchange between a seller and a buyer.

Seller: Oga, buy this shirt. It is made in UK. Look at the tag on it. I can't lie to you.

Buyer: Are you sure? The seams are poorly sewn. The tag does not look genuine. I don't think this shirt is made in the UK.

Seller: You these book people sef. Shirt is shirt. Nigerian tailors are better than those in the US, UK... in short everywhere.

Buyer: Ok. Thanks. But I don't want to buy the shirt.

iii. A conversation between a mother and her daughter.

Mother: Uloma, what took you so long? Just to grind pepper at Mama Rashida's place and you have been gone for more than 40 minutes.

Daughter: Mama, I saw Mr. Wilson. He said I should greet you.

iv. Conversation among friends.

Speaker A: Have you heard from Ade recently?

Speaker B: Yes, I was at his house last week.

Speaker A: Oh, that's good. How is he?

Speaker B: Fine. I saw a bird in a cage that can talk in his house. (17½/45 minutes)

3. (a) Distinguish between text and textuality. (4 marks)

(b) Discuss cohesion and coherence as features of text. (4 marks)

(c) Read the following passage and identify the thematic progression patterns in it. (9½ marks)

**Mr Adamu** is my colleague at the office. **He** travelled to France last year. **The Chairman** of our company is Chief Amusa. **Chief Amusa** is from Ogun state. **Ogun state** consists of Abeokuta, Ijebu, Yewa, and so forth. **Abeokuta** is the state capital. **Ijebu Ode** is where the Awujale has his palace. (17½/45 minutes)

4a) Discuss the concept of speech community. (3½ marks)

b) Briefly explain the term conversation analysis. (4 marks)

c) Distinguish between turn taking and adjacency pairs. (10 marks) (17½/45 minutes)

5a) Explain Critical Discourse Analysis as an approach to the study of language. (3½ marks)

b) Identify the steps a researcher will need to take when conducting a research using the Critical Discourse Analysis. (4 marks)

c) Discuss the following political discourse, using the Critical Discourse Analysis method. (10 marks)

"Women need government to give them opportunity; it's good to give women opportunity in terms of politics, entrepreneur and others, but not too much. "You would come here one day and find out that women are everywhere in this chamber and they will mess up. If we have women constitute 70 to 80 percent in this chamber, they will mess up." "If we give them an opportunity outside (politics) and at home, they would capture everything because most of them are very intelligent. If given more chance, one day they will overthrow us".

(17½/45 minutes)