



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA

Faculty of Arts

Department of Languages

2021_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 432

COURSE TITLE: PRAGMATICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **4** Questions

1. Write short notes on the following:
 - a) Face saving tact (**4½ marks**)
 - b) Discourse value (**4 marks**)
 - c) Entailment (**4 marks**)
 - d) Speech event (**5 marks**)

(17½/45 minutes)
2. (a) Distinguish between the concept of utterance meaning and sentence meaning in the field of pragmatics. (**4½ marks**)
(b) Comment on Charles Morris (1938) contributions to the development of pragmatics. (**5 marks**)
(c) Compare linguistic context and socio-cultural context. (**8 marks**)

(17½/45 minutes)
3. (a) Briefly explain tact as a pragmatics concept. (**4½ marks**)

(b) With two examples, discuss the notion of intention in the field of pragmatics in relation to reference. (**6 marks**)

(c) (c) Explain the notion of semantic inference. (**7 marks**) (**17½/45 minutes**)
- 4.(a) Briefly explain speech acts as a pragmatics notion. (**3½ marks**)

(b) List and briefly comment on Searle's (1976) types of speech acts. (**10 marks**)

(c) Distinguish between Austin's performatives and constatives. (**4 marks**) (**17½**)
- 5a) Compare and contrast pragmatics and discourse analysis. (**4 marks**)

b) Briefly explain the term conversational analysis. (**3½ marks**)
- c) Explain the steps that you will need to follow to successfully carry a research on the topic: Pragmatics features of Nigeria senatorial campaign advertisements of 2019 elections. (**10 marks**) (**17½/45 minutes**)