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2021_2 EXAMINATION

ENG833 Pragmatics

EXAMINATION

INSTRUCTION: Answer ANY four (4) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Discuss each of the Searlean speech act categories. (13.5 marks)
(b) What are the criticisms against Austin's taxonomy of speech acts (10 marks)
2. (a) Explain the following terms, **pragmeme**, **pract** and **allopract**, relatively to Jacob Mey's proposal on pragmatic acts. (13.5 marks)
(b) What are the differences between pragmatic acts and speech acts? (10 marks)
3. (a) What is pragmatic implicature? (8 marks)
(b) Account for different types of implicature? (8 marks)
(C) Account for Horn's (1984) proposal and changes to Grice's implicature. (7.5 marks)
4. (a) What is the central claim of Relevance Theory? (8.5 marks)
(b) Explain the principles of relevance. (6 marks)
(C) What do you understand by the following concepts:
 - i. Concept of Cognitive Environment and Mutual Manifestness (3 marks)
 - ii. Ostentative-inferential Communication (3 marks)
 - iii. Implicature and Explicature (3 marks)
5. (a) What is legal discourse and its various sub-categories? (13.5 marks)
(b) Account for some linguistic markers that make legal language different from ordinary language. (10 marks)