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FACULTY OF ARTS  
**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES**  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG331

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **3** Questions (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional **3 marks** for each question attempted.*)

1. List (4 marks) and discuss four fields of academic inquiry related to the study of semantics (16 marks). (20 marks)
2. (a) Distinguish between thematic and conceptual meaning. (10 marks)  
(b) List (4 marks) each type of associative meaning that you know and give two examples for each. (6 marks)
3. Give a brief discussion on each of these, with an example to demonstrate each:  
(a) synonymy (4 marks)  
(b) antonymy (4 marks)  
(c) hyponymy (4 marks)  
(d) homonymy (4 marks)  
(e) polysemy (4 marks) (20 marks)
4. (a) State clearly what conjunction and disjunction are used for in semantic logic. (10 marks)  
(b) Identify five types of connectives used in semantic logic. (10 marks)
5. With clear examples, discuss each of these structural elements and how their semantic structure is revealed in use in literary works:  
(a) Rhetorical question (4 marks)  
(b) Exclamation (4 marks)  
(c) Inversion (4 marks)  
(d) Climax (4 marks)  
(e) Anticlimax (4 marks)  
(20 marks)