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FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES

2023_1 POP EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 331

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Semantics

CREDIT UNITS: THREE (3)

TIME ALLOWED: 3hours

Answer four (4) questions in all. All questions carry equal marks.

1. a. Briefly explain semantics from two perspectives on account of its development.

   b. Discuss four different issues related to meaning which semantics is associated with and their possible impediments. **(45mins; 17.5marks)**

2. Enumerate and explain the four different approaches to the study of semantics pointing out at least one merit or demerit in each case. **(45mins; 17.5marks)**

3. Scholars have continued to differ on the issue of meaning. Briefly discuss two schools of thought to substantiate this. **(45mins; 17.5marks)**

4. In semantics, theories are expected to explain the nature of word and sentence meaning among other things. Discuss. **(45mins; 17.5marks)**

5. **a**. With clear examples, explain the following sense/lexical relations used in explaining the meaning of words in English: i. Hyponymy ii. Polysemy iii. Homophony. **(45mins; 17.5marks)**

6. "Context-Free and Context- sensitive" are relevant conditions in the use of English words. Discuss. **(45mins; 17.5marks)**