



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA
Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages
2023_2 EXAMINATIONS—

COURSE CODE: ENG 432
COURSE TITLE: PRAGMATICS
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1. Write short notes on the following:
 - a) Lexicon of pragmatics **(4 marks)**
 - b) Discourse Analysis **(5 marks)**
 - c) Interpersonal context **(4 marks)**
 - d) Time deixis **(4½ marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)
2. (a) "Pragmatics is the study of speaker's intended meaning". Discuss **(3½ marks)**
(b) Discuss the scope of pragmatics. **(6 marks)**
(c) Following Carnap's perspective, compare semantics and pragmatics. **(8 marks)**

(17½/45 minutes)
- 3 (a) Briefly explain the pragmatic concept of face. **(3½ marks)**
(b) Read the following passage, state and explain the types of face acts performed by the italicized utterances in the text. **(8 marks)**

Mr Gidado walked into the living room and sighted the caretaker from a distance. It had been a very busy day at the office and he had planned to take at least one full hour to sleep before leaving for his neighbour's flat where he had promised to visit to settle yet another quarrel between the man and his wife. He was already getting worn out by their incessant quarrelling and fighting but he couldn't look on and watch them kill themselves, could he? He was definitely not in the mood for any discussion with his caretaker, particularly as he suspected he called to talk about his rent which was one month due. Nonetheless, he tried to appear as welcoming as possible. "Ha, Barrister Sam, how are you, Sir? The weather has been very hot today. *It seems you have been waiting for some time. My wife closes late from her shop these days. Don't*