



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, JABI, ABUJA
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2024 1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 331
COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Semantics
COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units
Time Allowed: Three (3) Hours
Instruction: Answer any four questions

- 1a. Discuss these prominent scholars Korzybski vs Odgen and Richards in the light of their description of meaning.
- 1b. What are the outstanding reasons that have led to the production of dictionaries.
- 2a. Mention the key players in historical development of major approaches to semantics.
- 2b. Explain the expectations required of a viable semantic theory.
- 2c. Explain two obvious ways semantics can be applied in everyday communication.
- 3a. Discuss the categories of the information provided in the lexicon as it pertains to lexical items.
- 3b. With clear illustration, explain four categorical functions of lexical items.
- 3c. Use problems of lexical and semantic reduplication to x-ray the numerous semantic problems encountered among the third level group of Nigerian English users.
- 4a. What is the different between declarative acts and commissive acts?
- 4b. Discuss three factors a Nigerian learner can face because of the complicate nature of semantics in the study of language.
- 5a. Explain with example the following material fallacies: false casual relationship, the complex question, attaching the straw man, the fallacy of irrelevant conclusion and the fallacy of the argumentative leap.
- 5b. In three sentences, use connectives to establish link between premises and their conclusions.
- 5c. Mention and explain three main classifications in literary language can manifest.