



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

**COURSE CODE: ENG 432**

**COURSE TITLE: Pragmatics**

**COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units**

**Time allowed: Three (3) Hours**

**Instruction: Answer any four questions.**

1. Explain in details what you understand by the notion of:
  - i. Linguistic context
  - ii. Institutional context
  - iii. Situational context
  - iv. Physical context
  
- 2a. Differentiate between semantic reference and pragmatic reference
- b. Explain the importance of intention to the communication of meaning
  
3. Explain Brown and Levinson's (1987) model of politeness and highlight its strategies for achieving politeness.
  
- 4a. What is Searlean definition of speech acts?
- b. Identify the areas in which Searle (1969) agrees with and also differs from Austin (1962) in the theory of speech acts.
  
- 5a. What are discourse markers and what is their importance in pragmatics?
- b. Explain what you understand by pragmatics of deferred interpretations.