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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

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

1a. Briefly define the term context. **(5½ marks)**

1b. Write short notes on the following as types of context:

i. Linguistic context **(4 marks)**

ii. Socio-cultural context **(4 marks)**

iii. Interpersonal context **(4 marks)**

(17½ marks)

2. Critically distinguish between Semantics and Pragmatics. Provide TWO examples each to support your discussion. **(17½ marks)**

3a. Explain implicature as a term in Pragmatics. **(7½ marks)**

3b. With TWO examples each, differentiate between Generalized Implicature and Particularized Implicature. **(10 marks)**

(17½ marks)

4a. Explain utterance meaning and sentence meaning. **(6 marks)**

4b. With TWO examples each, discuss the difference between semantic reference and pragmatic reference. **(11½ marks)**

(17½ marks)

5a. List and discuss the steps you need to take to get an appropriate research topic in Pragmatics. **(7½ marks)**

5b. Discuss how you will go about gathering data for a research in Pragmatics. **(10 marks)**

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