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2025_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 432

COURSE TITLE: PRAGMATICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1a. Briefly define the term Pragmatics. **(5 marks)**

1b. List and discuss five goals of Pragmatics. **(12½ marks)**

(17½ marks)

2a. Briefly differentiate between constatives and performatives. **(5½ marks)**

2b. Write short notes on the following as types of infelicities. **(12 marks)**

i. Abuses **(4 marks)**

ii. Misinvocation **(4 marks)**

iii. Misexecution **(4 marks)**

(17½ marks)

3. Critically assess the link between Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics. **(17½ marks)**

4. With THREE examples, discuss J.J. Austin's (1962) assertion that speakers use words to do things. **(17½ marks)**

5a. Explain tact as a concept in Pragmatics. **(5½ marks)**

5b. Discuss face saving act and face threatening acts. **(12 marks)**

(17½ marks)