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**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**COURSE CODE: ENG 831**  
**COURSE TITLE: LEXICOLOGY AND SEMANTICS**  
**COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units**  
**COURSE DURATION: 3HRS**  
**INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions**

- 1a. Explain structural ambiguity (**5<sup>1/2</sup> marks**)
- 1b. With clear explanations, give six examples of sentences that exhibit structural ambiguity (**12 marks, 2 marks for each**).
  
- 2a. Explain Thematic Role (**5<sup>1/2</sup> Marks**).
  
- 2b. AGENT, THEME, and LOCATION are entities that can be found in sentences, with clear explanations, give three examples of sentences showing AGENT, THEME, and LOCATION (**12 marks, 4 Marks for each**).
  
- 3a. A proposition can be true or false, explain the term 'proposition'? (**5<sup>1/2</sup> marks**).
  
- 3b. Certain conditions determine the truth or falsity of a proposition, with three examples, state these conditions. (**12 marks, 4 marks for each**).
  
- 4a. Explain the maxims of conversation (**5<sup>1/2</sup> marks**).
- 4b. List and explain four ways through which the maxims of conversation might be broken. (**12 marks, 3 marks for each**).
  
5. With an example in each case, write notes on:
  - i. Beneficiary, **4<sup>1/2</sup> marks**
  - ii. Instrument, **4<sup>1/2</sup> marks**
  - iii. Experiencer, **4<sup>1/2</sup> marks**
  - iv. Source **4 marks**