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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG833

COURSE TITLE: PRAGMATICS

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

- 1a. Define reference.
- b. With examples, explain reference assignment
- 2a. Give an acceptable definition of pragmatics
- b. Succinctly explain each of the following approaches to the study of pragmatics.
 - i. Pragmalinguistics
 - ii. Sociopragmatics
 - iii. Cognitive pragmatics
- 3a. Define politeness
- b. Explain Brown Levinson's Politeness strategies
- 4a. Explain relevance theory
- b. Cognitive environment and mutual environment are not the same. Explain
- 5a. Define context
- b. Explain the distinction between linguistic context and social context.