



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

SCHOOL BASED PROGRAM

AEN 402: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**
- (ii) Do not write on the question paper**

Question One (Compulsory)

- a. Show how lexical decomposition can aid you in contrasting the concepts ‘boy’, ‘man’, ‘bull’, ‘cow’ and ‘woman’ (10 Marks)
 - b. Briefly explain the notion of deixis in pragmatics (10 Marks)
 - c. Explain the Cooperative Principle and four maxims associated with the principle (10 Marks)
2. With examples, describe any five types of meaning according to Leech (1970) (20 Marks)
3. How does Prototype theory aid in the study of meaning? (20 Marks)
4. Explain the major tenets of the Speech Act Theory (20 Marks)
5. Explain why any good analyst must include both endophoric and exophoric relations in the interpretation of meaning (20 Marks)