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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 301: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

DATE: 26/8/2017

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

Study the discourse extract 1 and use it to answer questions 1(a) and 1 (b)

A) Peace be with you all

B, C, D) Amen

B, C) (Simultaneously) we do.

A) (Whispers) Come and kneel (Points at the cushions)

B,C) (Not speaking, they move to the front and kneel)

B) (Hands over a one year old child)

A) We name this child Martin in the name of the father, the son and the holy spirit (Marks the child's forehead with the sign of the cross)

B,C, D) Amen

A) We name this child Martin and we put on him the sign of the cross-----

B,C,D) Amen

a) Identify the participants and a possible context for the conversation (6 marks)

- b) Describe at least three extra- linguistic features from the discourse extract above (3 marks)
 - c) Describe at least five properties of discourse (5 marks)
 - d) Differentiate between the following terms.
 - i. Discourse and discourse analysis
 - ii. Turn-taking and adjacency pairs.
 - iii. Field and tenor
 - iv. Performatives and constatives
 - v. Social deixis and spatial deixis (10 marks)
 - e) Discuss three ways through which a speaker indicates a possible completion point (PCP) (6 marks)
2. a) According to Austin J.L (1962), Whenever one produces an utterance one performs three acts simultaneously. Discuss these three acts. (10 marks)
- b) Searle (1969) divides speech acts into five basic categories. Discuss with examples these five basic categories (10 marks)
3. a) The co-operative principle has four sub- maxims that people involved in a conversation must accept. Discuss these Maxims (8 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between *quietly violating* a Maxim and *openly flouting* a Maxim (6 marks)
- c) Discuss three grammatical categories of mood according to Searle (6 marks)
4. a) Describe the three key conversational phases (6 marks)
- b) According to Austin J.K (1962) “How to do things with words)” Austin argues that utterances can be placed into two categories. Discuss these two categories. (8 marks)
- c) List down at least four felicity conditions for the act of ordering (6 marks)
5. Study the discourse extract 2 and use it answer question 5(a)

DISCOURSE EXTRACT 2

Colleagues, this is a reminder that CAT 1 is supposed to be done this week in the entire university for part time students, failure to do so you will require an explanation to the registrar. Please remember to give CAT feedback form (already circulated) to your class rep as you give the CAT.

(Signed- OFFICER IN CHARGE)

- a) State any three different reasons why you may identify this extract as, particularly, a discourse (6 marks)
- b) Imagine that this communication was done through a conversation between the two participants, as opposed to a written text. Reconstruct, as accurately as possible, the communication that would have occurred. (6 marks)
- c) Discuss the differences between spoken and written discourse (8 marks)