



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 301: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

A local comedian read part of the instructions on a medicine bottle written ‘SHAKE WELL BEFORE USE’ and then gyrated vigorously before swallowing the contents to the amusement of his audience.

- a) Show why the comedian’s action was odd by qualifying the instructions as part of a discourse text. (10 marks)
- b) To what extent do the instructions conform to Grice’s (1975) Cooperative Principle and its attendant maxims? (10 marks)
- c) Use Dell Hymes contextual features to explain what an analyst needs in order to comprehend the discourse text. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

By referring to theorists within conversational analysis, explain the notion of turn taking.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With adequate illustrations explain the major tenets of Critical Discourse Analysis

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain the politeness theory within Discourse Analysis

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe the notion of presuppositions within Discourse Analysis