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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

AEN 402: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 31/5/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and any two others

1.
 - a) Name and explain four reasons that demonstrate that the meaning of meaning is hard to define. (8 marks)
 - b) Using appropriate examples, describe the following types of meaning:
 - i. Reflected meaning
 - ii. Connotative meaning
 - iii. Conceptual meaning (12 marks)
 - c) Explain the relationship between semantics and pragmatics. (10 marks)
2. Discuss the following semantic relations, clearly showing how each contributes to the study of meaning.
 - a) Antonymy
 - b) Synonymy
 - c) Polysemy
 - d) Hyponymy(20 marks)

3. With reference to the Speech Act theory, explain how we can do things with words using:
 - a) Performatives
 - b) Declaratives (20 marks)
4. Presuppositions and implicatures are a demonstration that we can mean more than what we say. Discuss. (20 marks)
5.
 - a) Analyse any 4 semantic roles of the clause. (12 marks)
 - b) Explain the following representational units of meaning. (8 marks)
 - i) The morpheme
 - ii) The word