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FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 402: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 14/12/2017

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) With an illustration differentiate between semantics and pragmatics (6 marks)
 - b) Identify **two** major areas of emphasis in the study of semantics. (6 marks)
 - c) Describe any four types of contexts and explain how they affect intended meaning of a speaker or writer. (18 marks)
2. With relevant examples explain the following type of meaning (20 marks)
 - a) Thematic
 - b) Conceptual associative,
 - c) Connotative
 - d) Reflected forms of meaning.
3.
 - a) Identify the semantic roles of the seven noun phrases in this sentence (14 marks)
With her new golf club, Anne Marshall whacked the ball from the woods to the grassy area near the hole and she suddenly felt invincible.
 - b) What is the basic lexical relation between each pair of words listed here? (6 marks)
 - i. damp/moist (c) furniture/table (e) move/run
 - ii. deep/shallow (d) married/single (f) peace/piece

