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AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 402: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other two.

1. a) With illustration discuss the following major parts areas of semantics:  
*Naming, concept, sense and reference.* (20 marks)
- b) Discuss the **five** different types of speech acts (10 marks)
2. a) With examples explain the **three** different levels of speech act. (6 marks)
- b) Write short notes on *thematic, conceptual, associative connotative and reflected forms of meaning.* (14 marks)
3. a) Use sentential illustrations to describe lexical and structural paraphrase (5 marks)
- b) With a relevant example distinguish between *ambiguity* and *vagueness* (4 marks)
- c) Discuss the nature of *presupposition* and *entailment*. Use an illustration (4 marks)
- d) With illustrations explain the semantic roles (7 marks)
4. a) With examples explain why utterance meaning is considered as more important in pragmatics than sentence meaning. (4 marks)
- b) Describe any four types of contexts and explain how they affect intended meaning of a speaker or writer. (16 marks)