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ABUJA
FACULTY OF ARTS
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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG331

COURSE CODE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Instruction: Answer any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1a. Write short notes on the following: **(9 marks)**

- i. philosophical semantics
- ii. linguistic semantics

b. Discuss the following approaches to semantics: **(8½ marks)**

- i. Traditional semantics
- ii. Structural semantics

2a. Briefly explain the history of semantics from the first person to attempt studying semantics as a distinct discipline. **(5½ marks)**

b. Briefly state the major concerns of semantics as a linguistic field of study. **(12 marks)**

3a. Discuss the following approaches to semantics: **(10½ marks)**

- i. Behavioural semantics
- ii. Generative semantics

b. Write short notes on the following types of meaning: **(7 marks)**

- i. affective meaning

ii. collocative meaning

4a. Explain phonological information, syntactic, and semantic information as aspects of the nature of the lexicon. **(8 marks)**

b. Expatiate the classification of words as content and form words. **(5 marks)**

c. With two examples for each, explain the following aspects of sentential meaning. **(4½ marks)**

- i. Tautology
- ii. Contradiction
- iii. Analyticity

5a. List and expound on the three levels of speech acts. **(10 marks)**

b. Using two apt examples, explain these aspects of material fallacies: **(7½ marks)**

- i. False Causal Relationship
- ii. Attacking the Straw Man
- iii. The Bandwagon