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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG 352

COURSE TITLE: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1a. Briefly discuss the term text. **(5½ marks)**

1b. Discuss coherence and cohesion as features of textuality. **(12 marks)**

(17½ marks)

2a. Explain the term information structure. **(5½ marks)**

2b. With two examples each, discuss the concepts of the Given and the New. **(12 marks)**

(17½ marks)

3. Write short notes on the following as types of thematic progression patterns:

i. Linear pattern **(4 marks)**

ii. Constant pattern **(4½ marks)**

iii. Split-Rheme pattern **(4½ marks)**

iv. Derived pattern **(4½ marks)**

(17½ marks)

4. Read through the following conversation. (a) Identify FIVE features of conversation. (b) Discuss how the features manifest in the conversation. **(17½ marks)**

A: Hello Ada. How are you?

B: Oh, hello Nneka. I am fine How are you too?

A: I am fine. Kunle and I are on our way to eat. Would you like to come along?

B: Why? Whose birthday are we celebrating?

A: None. We just want to find a good place to eat, that's all.

B: Ok, yes, I'll like to come along. Do you have a particular restaurant in mind?

A: There's ...

C: We could...oh sorry, Nneka, go on please.

A: Ok, I was going to say that there is a very good one down the road. I have been there before.

B: What's the name of the restaurant?

A: Mr Bi...er Mr Bunny.

B: Ok then. Let's be on our way.

5a. Explain Pragmatics as an approach to the study of language use. (**5½ marks**)

5b. With TWO examples each, distinguish between entailment and implicature as pragmatics concepts. (**12 marks**)

(17½ marks)