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- TITLE OF PAPER** : **SPECIAL EXAMINATION PAPER: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS**
- COURSE CODE** : **AL404**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
- 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A AND ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**
 - 2. ALL QUESTIONS HAVE EQUAL MARKS.**
 - 3. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSION AND FORMALISM SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE.**
 - 4. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES.**
 - 5. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.**

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SECTION A: GENERAL QUESTIONS

Answer **ALL FOUR** Questions.

QUESTION 1

After reproducing the general communication model as presented by Claude Shannon and Warren Weaver (1949) explain how the diagram should be read.

QUESTION 2

Discourse can be represented through written and/or spoken texts. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each type of representation in Discourse interpretation?

QUESTION 3

According to Ergon Werlich's discourse typology, there are five basic or ideal forms that are fundamental to discourse types:

- (a) What are the five basic forms?
- (b) Briefly explain what each of the five forms consists of .

QUESTION 4

After listing the seven criteria for textuality, briefly explain five of them.

SECTION B

TEXT (READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW)

CAMPUS NEWS

It has come to our notice that three quarters of the inflated mammas and nuns have come deflated this term. It must have been a busy short holiday for our indulgent friends. Also, reliable sources have it that only half of these gave birth to real offsprings. It is learnt that the other half actually activated the short-offs resulting in 34 premature births. It makes us wonder why they had to destroy the poor bastards before they even saw our beautiful earth. Why did they have to indulge in the first place?

To you indulging mommas, have you ever thought of where you would have been now, had your mother decided to drink that pack of washing powder or that over dose of aspirins when you were conceived? If you haven't may be it's time you took up on the tip-off. We have lots of drivers who had to deal with emergency cases resulting from such actions late last term.

It pleases to know that many of you hate being greeted by your papas, mamas, guardians and the like when you close school with presents of ballooned tummies. This explains why at just about every end of term, we get an influx of mommas being rushed to hospital for abortion. Believe it or not, we interviewed one of such ladies/girls (take your pick) and she told our female reporter that it was a very convenient time since they lost nothing apart from the unwanted-was-to-be bastard. "We don't miss lectures and we tell any of our guardians that we have gone visiting the other relative while in actual fact we were hospitalised". But think again, is it worth the risk?

(From Right on, UNZA student publication)

QUESTION 1

Using the principles of 'local interpretation' and 'analogy' how do you interpret the following sentences:

- (a) 'It has come to our notice that three quarters of the inflated mammas and nuns have come deflated this term'.
- (b) 'It pleases to know that many of you hate being greeted by your papas, mamas, guardians and the like when you close school with presents of ballooned tummies.'

QUESTION 2

To what extent has the title helped you understand the text?

QUESTION 3

- (a) Give five words from the text which are specific to the speech community of the writer of the text.
- (b) Explain why these words are speech community bound.