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COURSE TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE II

COURSE CODE : IDE-AL112

TIME ALLOCATION: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. Answer Four (4) questions in all**
- 2. Choose Two (2) Questions from Section A**
- 3. Choose Two (2) Questions from Section B**
- 4. Marks will be deducted for untidy work**

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SECTION A: SYNTAX

Question 1

Linguists usually describe language as a human specific property. Using **displacement** and **arbitrariness** make a distinction between human and animal communication. (Do not make use of the same example twice.) [25]

Question 2

a) Why would anyone competent in the syntax of the English language consider the following constructions ungrammatical?

- i. *that speculative
- ii. *man handsome
- iii. *eating quiet

[15]

b) The word *have* can belong to more than one syntactic category. Name these and give one example for each category. [5]

c) In English there are words that belong to more than one category. Give any two of these words, and then use one example for each category to explain your answer.

[5]

SECTION B: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

Question 4

- a) With the use of examples from any language of your choice, define paraphrase. [5]
- b) Determine the truth value of the following sentences, and then explain your answer.
- i. A table has four corners.
 - ii. Every Saturday, we have an AL112 tutorial.
 - iii. Girls are tall.
 - iv. Young men and women always get married. [20]

Question 5

With the use of one example for each relation, discuss four semantic relations involving sentences.

[25]

Question 6

Give and explain all of Grice's maxims of conversation. Use examples from any language of your choice to support your discussion. With the use of examples, explain how each of these maxims can be violated. [25]