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TENT 1

Title of paper **Language Meaning and Use**

Course number **ENG 203**

Time allowed **2 hours**

Instructions: **Do not write any answer on the examination papers.**
Write all your answers in the booklets provided.
Answer any three questions.

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Question 1

Define and distinguish between Lexical and Sentence Sense relations, illustrating your answer with three examples of each relation.

Question 2

With examples to illustrate your answer define and explain these three types of meaning: (20)

- a. Referential
- b. Structural
- c. Contextual

Question 3

Re-write the following sentences by changing the underlined words with their antonyms. (20)

- a. He has been offered a permanent job.
- b. The man arrived at the station two hours ago.
- c. The guilty man has been granted bail.
- d. He has vowed to defend the town.
- e. The fertile land has been bought by the estate agent.
- f. Tell Paul something confidential.
- g. She is attentive to her duties.
- h. The Director declined to give audience to the journalists.
- i. The general manager is loved for his altruisms.
- j. The higher court upheld the decision of the lower court.

Question 4

Write short notes to define the following terms. Include two examples per term. (20)

- a. lexical words
- b. clipping
- c. acronyms
- d. metalanguage
- e. collocation
- f. clichés
- g. a learners' dictionary
- h. lexicography
- i. blending
- j. homophones

Question 5

- a. Define componential analysis and state its use in lexical research. (10)
- b. Make a componential analysis, presented in the form of a matrix, of the following lexemes, using only binary components: walk, run, crawl, sprint, jog. (10)

Question 6

Fixed expressions often pose problems to non-native speakers of English. List the different types of fixed expressions and show how they are treated in various dictionaries. (20)

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