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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION – JULY 2007/8**

**COURSE TITLE:           LANGUAGE MEANING AND USE**  
**COURSE CODE:           ENG 203**  
**TIME ALLOWED:         TWO HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i) This question paper consist of **FIVE** questions
- ii) Answer **QUESTION 1** and any other **two** questions, totaling to (3) questions in all
- iii) Each question is worth 20 marks
- iv) Claims made should be well substantiated by means of examples

## QUESTION 1

Read the following sentence and answer the questions that follow.

**Themba couldn't refuse to take the refuse bag to the town council truck by the shops.**

a) How many lexemes are in the above sentence?

[2]

b) Briefly discuss the criterion you have used in arriving at the answer you have given in (a).

[4]

c) Is the criterion chosen in (a) adequate for the description of a word in English?

Give reasons for your answer

[4]

## QUESTION 2

a) All words have sense but not all of them have reference. Ascertain the truth of this statement.

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b) What truth relation holds between these two sentences

James has bought the mansion that was auctioned last week.

The mansion that was auctioned last week was bought by James.

Discuss the truth relation you have chosen in detail. Your answer should show that you know at least two different ways in which the truth relation manifests itself in the analysis of the relations that exist between sentences.

[10]

### **QUESTION 3**

Word identification in English is problematic. Different scholars have defined a word in different ways using different criteria. With the aid of two (2) examples each, critically examine the five criteria used by these scholars in identifying a word.

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### **QUESTION 4**

For every interaction to be successful, speakers need to adhere to the basic rules of talk. Grice came up with four maxims that govern talk. With the aid of examples, discuss the relevance of each of these maxims in ways that show that you understand them.

### **QUESTION 5**

What word formation processes have been applied in the formation of the following lexemes?

- a) double-glazing
- b) equity
- c) beheaded
- d) conduct/conduct
- e) motel
- f) exam
- g) advert
- h) website
- i) see-saw
- j) Pudemo