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**MAIN EXAMINATION - MAY 2011**

**TITLE OF PAPER :           CONVERSATIONAL ANALYSIS**

**COURSE CODE   :       ENG 303**

**TIME ALLOWED :       TWO HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS :**

- i) This paper consists of four (4) questions.**
- ii) Answer TWO (2) questions.**
- iii) Each question is worth thirty (30) marks.**
- iv) Good English will attract credit.**
- v) This paper consists of 2 pages –cover page included.**

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### QUESTION 1

The cooperative principle goes both ways: speakers generally observe the cooperative principle and listeners generally assume that speakers are observing it. This allows for the possibility of implicature.

- i) What do you understand by conversational implicature? ( 5marks)
- ii) What is the effect of not picking conventional implication? (5 marks)
- iii) What are the different functions of implicature/indirectness in conversational interaction? (20 marks)

### QUESTION 2

Write short notes on the following

- i) backtracking
- ii) cooperative signals
- iii) topic initiation
- iv) cultural variations in the concept of face
- v) a repair mechanism
- vi) monitoring talk ( 5 marks each)

### QUESTION 3

To take a turn in a conversation is always somewhat risky? Discuss why this is so.

[30 marks]

### QUESTION 4

Discuss the different ways in which a natural conversation is structured. (30 marks)