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TITTLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE MEANING AND USE

COURSE CODE: ENG 203/ IDE- ENG 203

TIME ALLOWE: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. This paper has four (4) questions**
- 2. Question 1 is compulsory.**
- 3. Choose one other question from Questions 2 to Question 4.**
- 4. Question 1 is worth forty (40) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.**
- 5. presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions where necessary and and good language will attract credit.**

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) State the lexical and syntactic relation that exists between each pair of words / sentences:

(i) Like : adore [2 marks]

(ii) Let : rent [2marks]

(iii) Bear : bare [2marks]

(iv) Siphon obtained symbol A in all his courses.

Siphon is a genius. [2marks]

(v) Vusi is married to Thandi.

Vusi is a bachelor. [2 marks]

= [10 marks]

(b) Using relevant examples distinguish between the following concepts:

(i) Extension and reference [10 marks]

(ii) Prototype and stereotype [10 marks]

(c) Explain the following concepts that are related to the Speech Act Theory and give example

(i) The Utterance Act [2marks]

(ii) The Propositional Act [2marks]

(iii) The Illocutionary Act [2marks]

(iv) The Perlocutionary Act [2 marks]

(v) Directive [2marks]

Total: [40 marks]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Discuss the role played by the verb; *put* in revealing the semantic properties of the subject as well as in determining the object in the following sentence:

The student puts the books on the shelf.

[5 marks]

- (b) Using the “ Principle of Compositionality”, explain how the Noun Phrase in the sentence below may not be acceptable to a speaker of English.

The handsome house in the garage belongs to my father.

[5 marks]

- (c) With the aid of examples, discuss the concept of “face”

[10 marks]

Total: [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Explain what is meant by ambiguity.

- (b) Using the following examples, discuss the type of ambiguity that is revealed in each sentence:

James read the book in the library.

I will meet you by the bank.

Total: [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Explain what is meant by “deixis” and discuss the four types of deixis that can be used in English.

Total: [20 marks]