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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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TITTLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE MEANING AND USE

COURSE CODE: ENG 203/ IDE- ENG 203

TIME ALLOWED: 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. 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 good language will attract credit.**

This paper is not to be opened until permission has been granted by the invigilator.

QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

(a) With the aid of examples, explain what is meant by the following concepts:

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| (i) | Synonymy | [2marks] |
| (ii) | Paraphrase | [2 marks] |
| (iii) | Polysemy | [2 marks] |
| (iv) | Sense | [2 marks] |
| (v) | Reference | [2 marks] |

(b) Explain the thematic roles of the following items written in bold:

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| (i) | The man killed a snake. | [4marks] |
| (ii) | I am going to town . | [2 marks] |
| (iii) | She felt a sharp pain on her belly. | [2 marks] |
| (iv) | She decorated her doll with ribbons . | [2 marks] |

(c) Write five grammatical structures that can be used as deictical elements.[5 marks]

(d) Explain briefly how the following grammatical structures can be used to indicate the different types of deixis:

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| (i) | Pronouns |
| (ii) | Adverbs |
| (iii) | Verbs |

[15 marks]

TOTAL: [40 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Discuss at least three (3) reasons why words may be synonymous in English.
Illustrate your answer using examples. [15 marks]
- (b) Give the meanings of the following utterance when uttered during a war: “ Tell the men to move out!” [2 marks]
- (c) What is the difference between an utterance and a sentence? [3 marks]

TOTAL: [20 Marks]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Define the following concepts:
- (i) Pragmatics
 - (ii) Implicature
 - (iii) Presupposition
 - (iv) Conversational maxims
 - (v) Inference
- [15 marks]
- (b) Name the types of speech acts that the following utterances represent:
- (i) I promise I'll sit in the front row now.
 - (ii) Put out that cigarette!
 - (iii) Come for dinner tonight.
 - (iv) You dare touch that girl, you will see what will happen to you!
 - (v) I am sorry about what happened yesterday.

[5 marks]

Total: [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

(a) Discuss the three types of oppositeness of meaning in English. Illustrate your answer using examples. **[15 marks]**

(b) Explain what group antonymy is and give examples to illustrate your answer. **[5 marks]**

Total: [20 marks]