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**FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**  
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**TITLE OF PAPER:           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.**
- 4. Question 1 is worth thirty (30) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.**
- 5. Presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions where necessary, and good language use will attract credit.**

**This paper should not be opened until permission has been granted by the invigilator.**

## QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that will follow.

### The Love You Deserve

There's a Bob Marley song that I love: "Is this Love that I'm Feeling?" As humans, sometimes we get hurt and walk around with those deep wounds of hurt, pain and rejection. And, because our lives are full of those things, we dish out the hurt to others. Ladies, let's admit that we have all been wounded before at some stage in our lives. The best medication to clean the wound of hurt is to learn to forgive and let go. This is the only key! Once you do this you are going to learn to love yourself more. It's also important to know that you can't love yourself if you don't love God. You also can't love others if you don't love yourself. This is because you can't give something that you don't possess inside you.

Personally, I don't subscribe to this notion that love is blind. This is because love can't operate in darkness as it contains light. It's always clear about its intentions. It's always faithful, honest, accountable, respectful and courageous. Allowing blows to your face and in your heart while convincing yourself that it is love is wrong. Love is a gift from God that makes the heart glad and brings no sorrow. It covers a multitude of weaknesses but it doesn't make people meek and timid. Anything that brings sorrow is governed by fear and not love. Fear operates in selfishness and is very ambiguous. You are never sure where you stand with that person. Fear likes to create enemies and doubt. Its cousins are: insecurity, deceit, depression, manipulation and instability. It's very important to understand that love distinguishes between darkness and light. It shows a clear difference between joy and sorrow. I'd like to leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "I may give away all that I have and give up my body to be burned, but if I don't have love, none of these things will help me. Love never comes to an end! It is patient and is not rude or arrogant. It never thinks about itself. It is not happy when injustice is done. It is not irritable or annoyed. It keeps no record of wrong. It is always happy with the truth. Love is patient and kind." Ladies and gentlemen, according to the word of God, every man and woman deserves this kind of love!

*(This passage has been taken from Move! magazine of 26 March 2014.)*

## QUESTIONS

(a) From the above passage, find at least two connotations of each of the following words:

(i) Love [2 marks]

(ii) hatred [2 marks]

(b) Find two antonyms of each of the following words:

(i) Joy [2 marks]

(ii) Respectful [2 marks]

(c) Find two synonyms of the word pain. [2 marks]

(d) Find a statement that is entailed by each of the statements:

(i) "...love can't operate in darkness as it contains light" (paragraph 2). [2marks]

(ii) Love is patient and kind. (paragraph 2) [2 marks]

(e) Give the social meanings expressed by the utterances:

(i) "Ladies, let's admit that we have all been wounded before at some stage in our lives." (Paragraph 1). [2 marks]

(ii) I'd like to leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians:.. " (Paragraph 2). [2marks]

(f) What is the metaphorical meaning of the phrase "the best medication to clean the wound of hurt"? [2 marks]

(g) Give the semantic meaning (sense) as well as the pragmatic meaning (force) of the utterance below:

"The best medication to clean the wound of hurt is to learn to forgive and let go". [4 marks]

"You also can't love others if you don't love yourself" [4 marks]

(h) What is the implicature of the utterance: "it is also important to know that you can't love yourself if you don't love God." [2 marks]

**[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]**

## QUESTION 2

- (a) Explain what componential analysis is, and give an example to illustrate your answer. [4 marks]
- (b) Discuss the merits of this approach in the explanation of meanings of words. Illustrate your answer using examples. [5 marks]
- (c) What is the limitation of this approach in explaining the nature of meaning? Give an example to illustrate your answer. [3 marks]
- (d) Using relevant examples, explain how meanings of symbols can shift depending on the contexts they are used in. [8 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

## QUESTION 3

- (a) Read the passage The Love that you Deserve. From the passage, identify two utterances that perform the functions listed below, and explain how they perform those functions. (Identify two utterances for each function).
- (i) Ideational function [4 marks]
- (ii) Interpersonal function [4 marks]
- (iii) Textual function [4 marks]
- (b) Give the interpretations of the following deictic elements in the passage:
- i. Those things [2 marks]
- ii. It [2 marks]
- iii. We [2 marks]
- iv. I [2 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

## QUESTION 4

- (a) Discuss the following concepts:
- i. Paraphrase [3 marks]
- ii. Truth conditions [3 marks]
- iii. Implicature [3 marks]

(b) Distinguish between the following. Illustrate your answer using examples:

- i. Pragmatic competence and grammatical competence [6 marks]
- ii. Sense and pragmatic force [5 marks]

**[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]**