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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE MEANING AND USE

COURSE CODE: 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 Question 2 to 4.
4. All questions are worth 30 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 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 utterances below:

(i) “The best medication to clean the wound of hurt is to learn to forgive and let go”. [4 marks]

(ii) “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) Define the term “presupposition”. [2 marks]

(b) Write the presupposition of each of the sentences below, and give the words that imply the presupposition.

i) Who broke the window? [3 marks]

ii) On Friday, we are going to write another test. [3 marks]

iii) Dr. Barnabas has been reappointed the Prime Minister of Swaziland. [3 marks]

iv) Vusi has started going to church. [3 marks]

v) I will not drink alcohol anymore. [3marks]

(c) Explain what pragmatic failure is. [3 marks]

(d) In the interaction below, between a visitor and a passer-by, pragmatic failure seems to have occurred.

i) Explain the cause of the pragmatic failure. [5 marks]

ii) Why do you think the visitor has decided to use an indirect speech act instead of a direct speech act? [5 marks]

Visitor: *Excuse me. Do you know where the Happy Valley Hotel is?*

Passer-by: *Oh sure, I know where it is. (and walks away)*

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

(a) Consider the following “facts”, and answer the questions that follow.

- Roses are red and bralkions are too.
- Booth shot Lincoln and Czolgosz , McKinley.
- Casca stabbed Caesar and so did Cinna.
- Freda was exhausted as Sam was.

(i) What colour are bralkions? [2 marks]

(ii) What did Czolgosz do to McKinley? [2 marks]

(iii) What did Cinna do to Caesar? [2 marks]

(iv) In what state was Sam? [2 marks]

(v) What did Booth do to McKinley? [2 marks]

(b) Discuss the concept of face in interaction. Illustrate your answer using examples.

[10 marks]

(c) Discuss the strategies below as methods of mitigating Face Threatening Acts (FTAs)

i) Negative politeness [5 marks]

ii) Positive politeness [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

With clear illustrations, explain what is meant by the following terms:

(a) Analytic sentence [3 marks]

(b) Paraphrase [3 marks]

(c) Entailment [3 marks]

(d) Truth condition [3 marks]

(e) Speech act [3 marks]

(f) Pragmatics [3 marks]

(g) Deixis [3 marks]

(h) Synthetic sentence [3 marks]

(i) Face Threatening Act [3 marks]

(j) Making inference [3 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]