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COURSE TITLE : CONVERSATION ANALYSIS

COURSE CODE : ENG 314/303

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DURATION : TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR QUESTIONS.

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN TOTAL;
QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER .

ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 30 MARKS EACH.

ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE EXCERPT PROVIDED.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE LINGUISTIC AND CONVERSATION ANALYSIS CONVENTIONS MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF MARKS.

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QUESTION 1 – COMPULSORY

Read the interaction below and answer the questions that follow.

L1 Jim : Sarah?

L2 Sarah: Uh-Yeah,

L3 Jim : Yih god a moment,

L4 Sarah: Yeah,

L5 Jim : C'an I ask yuh a big favour

L6 Sarah: sure

L7 Jim : Yih know I have tuh go tuh this meetin'

L8 out at Cra:n bourne on Wednesday

L9 Sarah: mm hm

L10 Jim : well my car has broken down an' they don' know

L11 if it will be fixed by then an' I w'z wondering

L12 if I c'd borrow your car

L13 Sarah: u:h um, so when would yih need it? All [day]?

L14 Jim: [No] jus'from twelve until abou'three;

L15 Sarah: we:ll I've got to pick my baby from preschool [t]hen

L16 Jim: [maybe] four then

L17 Sarah: oh I guess it'll be okay then,

L18 Jim : Thanks

- a) With close reference to the excerpt above, discuss the phenomenon of pre-expansion in talk. [15 marks]
- b) Discuss the measures that are initiated by the recipient of the base FPP or prospective SPP speaker in order to obtain a sequence whose parts are in a preferred relationship. [15 marks]

QUESTION 2

- a) 'The happiest conversation is where there is no competition, no vanity, but a quiet exchange of sentiments.'(Samuel Johnson). With illustrations from the interaction in Question 1 above, discuss the truth of this statement [15 marks]
- b) With close reference to the interaction in Question 1 above, discuss the characteristics of adjacency pairs [15 marks]

QUESTION 3

- a) Using a hypothetical conversation, discuss the ethnography of communication proposed by Dell Hymes (1974). [15 marks]
- b) Using examples from a hypothetical interaction among three speakers, discuss non-minimal post expansions in talk. [15 marks]

QUESTION 4

- a) Explain the following concepts in talk:
- i) Trouble source [5 marks]
 - ii) Source of trouble [5 marks]
 - iii) Repair [5 marks]
 - iv) Interruptions [5 marks]
- b) Discuss the measures that are often initiated by SPP utterers in order to elicit a preferred relationship with the utterers of FPPs. [10 marks]