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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KEN 2301:ENGLISH STRUCTURE AND SEMANTICS

Date: 5th December 2023

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) With clear examples, provide the componential analysis of **two** nouns in English. (4 marks)
- b) Outline **three** ways in which the English clause can be perceived as a process. (3 marks)
- c) Briefly describe the cleft and the non- cleft constructions as a form of thematization. (6 marks)
- d) Construct **three** sentences showing that the invariability property of prepositions. (6 marks)
- e) In sentences, distinguish the meanings of the following terms as used in Grammatical analysis:
 - i) Pre-modification and post-modification (4 marks)
 - ii) Grammatical words and lexical words. (4 marks)
- f) Outline **three** features of the connotative meaning in English. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO: 20 MARKS

- a) Discuss **four** dimensions of language aspects where social meaning is achieved. (8 marks)
- b) With clear examples in sentences, discuss the following functions of non-finite clauses in English Grammar:
 - i) As a subject (3 marks)
 - ii) As a direct object (3 marks)
 - iii) As a subject complement (3 marks)
 - iv) As an adverbial (3 marks)

QUESTION THREE: 20 MARKS

- a) With examples in sentences, describe **four** forms of ellipsis found in coordination of grammatical clauses. (8 marks)
- b) Expound on the following terms that refer to the scope of semantics:
 - i) The signifier (4 marks)
 - ii) The signified (4 marks)
 - iii) The referent (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR: 20 MARKS

- a) Discuss the following **three** functions of language in English Structures and Semantics:
 - i) The informational function (4 marks)
 - ii) The expressive function (4 marks)
 - iii) The directional function (4 marks)

- b) Naomi, your classmate has been struggling to identify noun phrases in sentences. Explain **four** significant aspects of the noun phrase that would assist Naomi to easily identify them in English Grammar. (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE: 20 MARKS

- a) Discuss **four** major tenets of the Context of Situation as one of the major theories in semantics. (8 marks)
- b) Explain how semantics has benefitted from the following **four** disciplines of knowledge:
- i. Philosophy (4 marks)
 - ii. Psychology (4 marks)
 - iii. Anthropology (4 marks)