



FINAL EXAMINATIONS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

KITENGELA CAMPUS

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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

EDUCATION

ENG 2113: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS, PAPER 1

STREAM: BEDU

TIME: 2 HOURS

EXAMINATION SESSION: AUGUST

YEAR: 2025

DAY []

DATE: []

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt ALL the questions in **Section A**
 2. Attempt any **Two** questions in **Section B**
 3. The entire exam is worth sixty (40) marks.
 4. Write **ONLY** on the space provided on the answer sheet or as otherwise instructed.
 5. Where necessary Show your working clearly.
 6. Do **NOT** attempt to access any library, online (audio, video, digital or electronic) or paper-based (written), sources for your answers unless this is clearly advised in the Question.
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SECTION A (20 MARKS) – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Question ONE

- a) Both Semantics and Pragmatics are disciplines that study meaning. Differentiate them. (4marks)

- b) Establish the relationship that exists between Semantics and Semiotics as disciplines of study. (4 marks)
- c) Using Componential Analysis approach, analyze the following English words
 - i. Woman (1 mark)
 - ii. Lion (1 mark)
 - iii. Tree (1 marks)
- d) Demonstrate how speech is perceived to be an act in Speech Act Theory. (6 marks)
- e) Differentiate a Lexeme and a Word. (3 marks)

SECTION B (20 MARKS) – CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS

Question Two

Correlate Semantics and the following disciplines

- a) Psychology. (4 marks)
- b) Linguistics. (3 marks)
- c) Philosophy. (3 marks)

Question Three

- a) Identify the four Maxims in H.P. Grice's Co-operative Principle. (2 marks)
- b) Elaborate on each of the maxim you identified in 3a) above. (8 marks)

Question Four

- a) Highlight the five forms of Associative Meaning. (5 marks)
- b) Exemplify the use of reflected meaning using three cases. (3 marks)
- c) With examples, distinguish the following
Free Morpheme and Bound Morpheme. (2 marks)

Question Five

- a) Determine the lexical relations existing in the following pair of words
 - i. Bare and bear. (1 mark)
 - ii. Foolish and stupid. (1 marks)
- b) Evaluate the influence of Bloomfield on Behavioral Semantics. (8 marks)