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MAIN EXAMINATION (PSSP)

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 214

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS

DATE: 25TH AUGUST, 2015

TIME: 11.30AM – 1.30PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) – (30 MARKS)

- a. Explain the following semantic concepts. Give examples for each (15 marks)
 - i. Paraphrase
 - ii. Ambiguity
 - iii. Vagueness
 - iv. Tautology
 - v. Presupposition
- b. Identify the specific areas in which knowledge of semantics can enhance everyday communication (10 marks)
- c. What is semantic field? (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Identify and explain **THREE** different schools of thought in the study of meaning (6 marks)
- b. Discuss the following basic types of meaning giving examples for each.
 - i. Thematic meaning (2 marks)
 - ii. Conceptual meaning (2 marks)
 - iii. Associative meaning (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Describe sense/lexical relations English words attract.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. Discuss the essential features of English words and the nature of lexicon (10 marks)
- b. Highlight the basic role relations of English lexical items (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a. Discuss the nature of literary communication (10 marks)
- b. Identify any **THREE** figures of speech and explain how they enhance meaning in literary communication (10 marks)