



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENGL 303

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS

DATE: 07 MAY 2021

TIME: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: *All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

- a) Outline and discuss the three simultaneous acts that a speaker might be performing in the process of making an utterance according to speech act theory. **[10 Marks]**
- b) With illustration discuss various types of ambiguity. **[12 Marks]**
- c) Explain the major theta role in semantics. **[8 Marks]**
- d) Giving examples explain the main categories of deixis. **[10 Marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) With illustrations discuss various classifications of semantic field. **[10 Marks]**
- b) With illustration identify and explain various types of meanings. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Giving example discuss various kinds of expressions which can be used as referring expressions. **[10 Marks]**
- b) Discuss the main categories of illocutionary act according to speech act theory. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Briefly discuss the mediated reference theory according to Gottlob Frege. **[8 Marks]**
- b) Discuss the main maxims of principle of conversation. **[12 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the importance of semantic study to you as a linguistic student. **[8 Marks]**
- b) Identify and explain the main categories of semantics. **[12 Marks]**

QUESTION SIX

- a) Explain the difference between affective meaning and collocative meaning. **[8 Marks]**
- b) Giving examples explain the following referring expression relations. **[12 Marks]**
 - i. Singular and plural reference
 - ii. Indefinite as opposed to definite expression
 - iii. Collective and distributive expression.