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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KEN 2301 ENGLISH STRUCTURES AND SEMANTICS

Date: 7th August 2024
Time: 8.30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Elaborate on any **three** different ways we can classify English words. (6 marks)
- b) Elucidate on any **five** areas of interest in the study of the meaning of the sentence. (10 marks)
- c) Using examples for each clarify on any **five** types of speech acts (10 marks)
- d) Differentiate between hypostatisation and amphiboly (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) "Fallacies occur as errors in reasoning, which can lead to deception." Highlight ON the fallacies attributed to the misunderstanding of language. (10 marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the contributions of any five scholars in the field of semantics. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) "Logic examines the validity or correctness of arguments." Expound on the nature of logic in semantic. (10 marks)
- b) "Through history we understand where we are coming from, where we are, and where we are going." Give a narration on the history of semantics. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify AND Discuss the specific areas in which the knowledge of semantics can enhance everyday communication. (10 marks)
- b) Study the following discourse keenly:

Babu Owino: Half of the members in this house are stupid.

Speaker: Honorable Babu Owino please withdraw that statement.

Babu Owino: My apologies Mr. speaker, half of the members in this house are not stupid.

Speaker: Thank you, let's move on

Identify and Discuss any concept of semantics that justifies the above conversation.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Express a clear contrast WITH illustrations between the following 5 types of meaning:
 - i) Thematic meaning. (2 marks)
 - ii) Conceptual meaning. (2 marks)
 - iii) Associative meaning. (2 marks)
 - iv) Literal meaning. (2 marks)
 - v) Connotative meaning. (2 marks)
- b) Explore with clear examples the concepts of conjunction and disjunctions as elements of logic in language system. (10 marks)