

## NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION

**ENG331: Introduction to Semantics** 

TIME: 2HRS

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS** 

1. a. Identify the four approaches to the study of semantics

- b. Looking at the four approaches to the study of semantics, identify two merits and two demerits for each approach, stating why you consider them as such.
- 2. Outline four meaning types. Discuss each type with an example for each.
- 3. Discuss, with two examples for each, these semantic concepts: polysemy, antonymy, hyponymy, homonymy.
- 4. What do you understand by speech acts? Give a brief description of locutionary act, illocutionary act and perlocutionary act.
- 5. List and explain the four fallacies of misinterpretation.