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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: ENG331

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS

TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS (YOUR CORRECT USE OF LANGUAGE ELEMENTS WILL EARN ADDITIONAL 3MARKS IN ALL THE QUESTIONS ATTEMPTED)

1. (a) How has structural semantics helped you in the understanding of meaning? (10 marks)
(b) Give 10 examples to back up your answer. (10 marks)
2. Discuss, with two examples for each point, ways in which the organisation of the message presented in a language can affect meaning. (20marks)
3. (a) Define the following terms:
 - i) Homonymy (3 marks)
 - ii) Homophony (3 marks)
 - iii) Polysemy (3 marks)
 - iv) Tautology (3marks)(b) Give at least two examples for each term defined (1 mark for each example given).
4. (a) What is ambiguity? (5 marks)
(b) How can the issue of ambiguity be resolved? (10 marks)
(c) Give five examples of such resolution. (1 mark for each example given)

5. (a) Discuss the usefulness of pragmatics to the study of meaning?
(10 marks)

(b) In what ways can pragmatics help you to understand utterances? (10 marks)