



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 402: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 20/7/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Show how lexical decomposition can aid you in contrasting the concepts 'boy', 'man', 'bull', 'cow' and 'woman' (10 marks)
- b) Briefly explain the notion of deixis in pragmatics (10 marks)
- c) Explain the Cooperative Principle and four maxims associated with the principle (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

With examples, describe any five types of meaning according to Leech (1970)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

How does Prototype theory aid in the study of meaning?

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain the major tenets of the Speech Act Theory

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain why any good analyst must include both endophoric and exophoric relations in the interpretation of meaning.