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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 301: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

DATE: 19/8/2021

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

The following text is characteristic of spoken discourse. Explain any six ways this discourse differs from written discourse.

The text:

The Piano movers

A: Who's gonna lift the bottom? Some one's gotta get 'old of it. Come o'...will you?

B: I aint goin' to...The stuff is rather 'eavy, you know.

A: Come on...We 'ave to move it...It's a compellin' duty.

B: Okay...Liiift, strong, strooong!

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Suppose a discourse analyst and a formal linguist were to analyse the following text. How would each go about it?

The text:

Wife: Can't regret ever marrying ya.

Husband: Same. You're...shall I say... the laugh of ma life.

Wife: Oh dear! That's music to ma ears.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Describe, with the help of examples, the following units of classroom discourse according to the Birmingham School of Discourse analysis.

- a) Transaction
- b) Exchange
- c) Move
- d) Act

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

In normal speech events, discuss why you think speakers are guided by the Cooperative Principle.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

For speech acts to be valid, sets of felicity conditions must be fulfilled. Basing your answer on any five utterances, discuss the validity of this statement.