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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMS 206/2017 ACADEMIC SESSION

COURSE CODE: ENG 404 UNIT: 3 DURATION: 2HRS 30 MINS

COURSE TITLE: PRAGMATICS

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INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

Question  
No.

1. (a). study each of the sentences below and identify the:
  - i. Presuppositions
  - ii. Implicature
  - iii. Illocutionary acts
  - a. She does not absent herself from duty without taking permission (3 marks)
  - b. Johnson no longer comes late to lectures (3 marks)
  - c. I want to eat again (3 marks)
  - d. Can you please shut the window? (3 marks)
- (b). Assign the underlined verb in each of the sentences below to one of the categories of Searles' Speech Act classifications:
  - e. I hereby testify that I saw that book last week (1 mark)
  - f. if you need a car, I offer to buy you one (1 mark)
  - g. could you move your seat away from mine? (1 mark)
  - h. I name this house Gift Villa (1 mark)
  - I. I require every student to be committed to their studies (1 mark)
  - j. I am sorry that I failed to turn up for your wedding (1 mark)
  - k. no one drives more carefully than Mrs. Cole (1 mark)
  - l. I compliment you on your excellent choice of university (1 mark)
2. Distinguish between Austin's and Searle's Speech Acts. (20 marks)
3. Why is pragmatics essential in the study of human language? (20 marks)
4. with examples, distinguish between presupposition and implicature in pragmatics (20 marks)