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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

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COURSE CODE: ENG 304 UNIT: 3 DURATION: 2 HOURS

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS

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INSTRUCTION: All questions carry equal marks. Answer any three questions.

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|              | “Semantics includes the study of how meaning is constructed, interpreted, clarified, negotiated, contradicted and paraphrased.” (Lyons 1977). How true is this assertion? (20 marks)  |
| 2.           | With the aid of copious examples, critically appraise Leech’s (1974) dimensions of meaning. (20 marks)  |
| 3.           | Examine critically the contributions of ideational and referential approaches to meaning explication. (20 marks)  |
| 4.           | With five examples each properly discussed, explain the following:<br>i. Componential Analysis ii. Polysemy iii. Homonymy iv. Hyponym<br>v. Synonymy (20 marks)   |
| 5.           | “Ambiguity and vagueness are two varieties of interpretive uncertainty which are often discussed together, but are distinct both in their essential features and in their significance for semantic theory” (Ogbulogo, 2001). Discuss. (20 marks) |