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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

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

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SEMANTICS

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

**Question
No. 1**

“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.

Text A: My mother is a father.

Text B: Mary is a dog.

With close reference to the above texts, clearly differentiate between denotative meaning and connotative meaning. **(20 marks)**

3.

Discuss the major tenets of these theories and show their relevance to the study of meaning: i. Referential theory ii. Ideational theory iii. Image theory. **(20 marks)**

4a.

Mention the two concepts of interpreting uncertainty of meaning in Semantics.
(5 marks)

4b.

Citing relevant examples, clearly discuss your answer in 4a. **(15 marks)**

5.

Carefully examine the significance of paradigmatic and syntagmatic relations to meaning explication. **(20 marks)**

6.

Write short notes on each of the following:

i. Antonymy ii. Polysemy iii. Hyponymy iv. Componential analysis
(20 marks)