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AEN 823: SEMANTICS

DATE: Thursday 6th December 2018

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

Question One

- a) Discuss any **ONE** of the following theories of meaning and show its strengths and weaknesses. (20marks)
 - i) Behaviourism
 - ii) Context of situation
 - iii) Linguistic Relativity
- b) Using appropriate examples, distinguish between reference and sense in the study of meaning. (10marks)

Question Two

- a) Use Componential analysis technique to distinguish the meaning of the following pairs of words: 'hare' and 'hair' 'man' and 'mare' (10marks)
- b) Using appropriate examples, distinguish between syntagmatic and paradigmatic lexical relations. (10marks)

Question Three

Giving adequate illustrations, distinguish between the following: (20marks)

- i) Presupposition and Implicature
- ii) Denotation and Connotation
- iii) Social meaning and Affective meaning
- iv) Linguistic context and physical context
- v) Entailment and modality

Question Four

Discuss Searle's categories of illocutionary speech acts and explain the felicity conditions that have to be met for illocutionary acts to be effective. (20marks)

Question Five

Show your understanding of the relationship between Semantics and any **ONE** of the following disciplines: (20marks)

- i) Philosophy
- ii) Syntax
- iii) Pragmatics