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**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AND
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

AEN 402: ENGLISH SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2014

TIME: 8.00 A.M. – 10.00 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and any other Two Questions.

1. a) Explain why it is necessary to study the clause as a process in the study of Semantics. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss clause elements in terms of their grammatical and semantic descriptions. (20 marks)
- c) State the sense relations existing between the following pairs of words. (5 marks)
 - i. Hide and Conceal
 - ii. Bare and Bear
 - iii. Scarlet and Red
 - iv. Deep and Superficial
 - v. Rancid and Addled
2. a) Using relevant examples, discuss the five (5) functions of language in society as explained by Geoffrey Leech (1974). (15 marks)
- b) Briefly explain five (5) forms of associative meaning. (5 marks)
3. Explanations of meaning have been given in terms of the Concept theory. Using adequate examples, discuss the Concept Theory. (20 marks)
4. Discuss the Context of Situation as a theory of meaning and explain how useful it is to the understanding of meaning. (20 marks)
5. a) Describe H. P. Grice's Co-operative Principle (1975) and its related maxims. (16 marks)
- b) Illustrating your answer with relevant examples, explain at least two different ways in which the maxims might not be observed. (4 marks)
