



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SCHOOL-BASED

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

CLL 602: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: APRIL 12, 2018

TIME: 2:00-5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY Other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the difference between Semantics and Pragmatics. (4 marks)
- b) Discuss the following pairs of concepts as used in Semantics.
- i) Sense and reference
 - ii) Intended and interpreted meanings
 - iii) Conceptual and connotative meaning
- c) Explain the relationship between Semantics and Philosophy. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Outline the principles of the Behaviourism theory and show how they facilitate the study of Semantics. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

“Words are used to do things” Discuss this statement with a focus on performatives and Declaratives in the Speech Act Theory.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

. According to Paul Grice, all conversational exchanges are guided by the cooperative principle. Do you agree? Support your perspective.

(20 marks)

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