



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCES
& CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: LIN 9209

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: 21/4/2023

TIME: 0830-1130 HRS HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Attempt ANY THREE questions**

Q1. Discuss Grice's (1975) Co-operative Principle and explain how these may be violated. (20 marks)

Q2. Discuss each of the following with reference to context and meaning:

- i) Physical context (5 marks)
- ii) Linguistic context (5 marks)
- iii) Social Context (5 marks)
- iv) Situational context (5 marks)

Q3. a) Using appropriate examples, explain the following:

- i) Utterance (4 marks)
- ii) Sentence (4 marks)
- iii) Proposition (4 marks)

b) Clearly explain the difference between SEMANTICS and PRAGMATICS

(8 marks)

Q4. Using relevant examples, construct sentences to explain each of the following thematic roles:

- i) Agent (5 marks)
- ii) Patient (5 marks)
- iii) Theme (5 marks)
- iv) Experiencer (5 marks)

Q5. Using appropriate illustrations, explain how semantics forms the foundation for developing a language grammar. (20 marks)

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