



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA

Faculty of Arts

Department of Languages

2022_1 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG 352

COURSE TITLE: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1. (a) Clearly distinguish between discourse and text. **(10 marks)**
(b) Explain discourse analysis as a functional approach to language. **(7½ marks)**
(17½/45 minutes)

2. (a) Explain the term 'ethnomethodology'. **(7½ marks)**
(b) List and explain four research interests of ethnomethodologists. **(10 marks)**
(17½/45 minutes)

3. (a) Comment briefly on the notion of the primacy of speech. **(5½ marks)**

(b) Compare and contrast text linguistics and discourse analysis as fields of language studies. **(12 marks)**
(17½/45 minutes)

4. (a) Briefly explain the field of Conversation Analysis. **(5½ marks)**

(b) Read the conversation below, identify and explain the sets of turn taking rules that govern the discourse: **(12 marks)**.
Tolu: Hello everyone. Classes were hectic today. Shola have you seen Uche today?
Shola: *(busy looking at her phone. Not responding)*
Charles: Uche has gone to the library. He said he needed to check a piece of information in an encyclopedia.
Tolu: Ok. Will anyone like to travel to Ikogosi next week?.....
Tolu: I heard it's a very interesting tourist site. I'll like to join Kolade and Francis on that trip.

(17½/45 minutes)

5a) Comment on the notion of reference as a cohesive device in text. **(5½ marks)**

b) Read the following passage, identify the types of reference used and explain how the writer used them to achieve cohesion in the text: **(12 marks)**

He walked into the hall, holding his hands together so that no one would notice they were shaking. Ishola had attended three interviews already without any success. This morning, he was doing everything within his power to fight off pessimism and the looming fear of yet another disappointment. He had every reason to be anxious. His wife was due to give birth in the next two months and there was dire need for money to take care of that and many other demands. “Please sit down, Mr Ishola”, the voice of one of the members of the panel interrupted his thoughts. He managed to jolt out of his thoughts without appearing to have been miles away. As he made to sit, a female member of the panel spoke in an official tone accompanied by rapid gestures, “You will need to write your name there and then let me have that”. He quickly wrote his name on the sheet of paper on the table and handed his credentials to her. As soon as these were done, he heard the Chair say in a matter of fact tone, “Mr Ishola, can you tell us a little about yourself”.

(17½/45 minutes)