



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**2022\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE CODE: ENG833

COURSE TITLE: PRAGMATICS

Credit Units: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3HRS

Instruction: Answer four questions in all.

Part 1

1. Define the term “Pragmatics” and discuss ONE major approach to the study of Pragmatics. **(40mins; 17.5 marks)**
2. Discuss Austin’s (1962) theory of Speech acts and compare it with Searle’s approach. **(40mins; 17.5 marks)**
3. Discuss Dell Hymes’s model of context. To what extent is it still relevant? **(40mins; 17.5 marks)**
4. Critically examine Brown and Levinson’s (1987) Politeness strategies. **(40mins; 17.5 marks)**
5. List and discuss any five Pragmatic markers. (not forgetting their features and functions) **(40mins; 17.5 marks)**