



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ABUJA
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2024 1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 831

COURSE TITLE: LEXICOLOGY AND SEMANTICS OF ENGLISH

COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units

COURSE DURATION: 3HRS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions

- 1a. Give an acceptable definition of semantics. 5 ½ marks
- b. Succinctly with appropriate illustrations, explain the following challenges in doing semantics
- i. Obscurity
 - ii. Superfluous
 - iii. Use of disjunction 12 marks
2. In clear terms, explain the relevance of context in the interpretation of expression. 17 ½ marks
3. Discuss the interrelationship between logic and truth 17 ½ marks
- 4a. Define knowledge. 5 ½ marks
- b. Explain the following types of Knowledge:
- i. Linguistic knowledge
 - ii. Speech Act Knowledge
 - iii. Discourse Knowledge
- 5a. With appropriate examples, explain the term politeness. 5 ½ marks
- b. Explain the relationship between politeness and face. 12 marks