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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS FOUR [4] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer ALL the questions.

1. Define the following semantic concepts. Clarify your answers with examples.
 - (A) Felicity condition
 - (B) Stereotype
 - (C) Symmetrical hyponymy
 - (D) Logical fallacy
 - (E) Collocative meaning

(25 marks)
2. Discuss Leech's concept of the five functions of language including definitions, examples and interrelationships of each term.

(25 marks)
3. Write an essay on ambiguity in language. Include important concepts and examples of the types of ambiguity that are prevalent in natural language.

(25 marks)

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4. Define the term illocutionary acts and elaborate on the elements which usually govern the acts performed. Then discuss the different illocutions in the utterances below.
- (A) Customer to a waiter in a Chinese restaurant: "I can't use chopsticks"
 - (B) Mother to someone who has been giving chocolates to her child: "I think that Adam has had enough now; haven't you Adam?"
 - (C) Teacher to his student: "Can you see me after class?"
 - (D) Barbara to Nigel who has just insulted her: "Why are you always so nice to me?"
 - (E) Boy to his father while hiking: "My feet are killing me."

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