



First Semester Examination
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HET429 – Corpus-Based Language Studies

Duration : 2 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of THREE (3) pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

There are FIVE (5) questions altogether. Answer **THREE (3)** questions. Question 1 is **COMPULSORY**.

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1. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Briefly explain the notion of corpus annotation with examples.

[20 marks]

[b] Explain, with examples, the advantages and disadvantages of corpus annotation in language and linguistic studies.

[80 marks]

2. Discuss the TWO types of phraseological expressions with appropriate examples.

[100 marks]

3. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Explain the notion of semantic prosody.

[40 marks]

[b] Analyse the following concordance data to identify the semantic prosody of the word "increase".

[60 marks]

around the world, McKinsey & Company recorded a 68%	increase	in the number of those aware of the day
as shown in Figure 1, there was a gradual	increase	in the number of asylum applications within the EU-27
the overall budget and the proposed 1.9% council tax	increase	. During budget discussions I took the opportunity to speak
in Colorado, which represents a three percent	increase	from the number of forcible rapes reported in 2010
that we are asserting that there has been an	increase	in modern slavery around the world over the last year.
economy in contemporary America (e.g., the effects of a sharp	increase	in labor force participation of women and new immigrants
increase in income can be offset by the effect of a 1%	increase	in the price of poultry." However, even this theory
crime prevention concepts in North America. In the late 1960s, an	increase	in crime heightened the need for a crime prevention
Obese animals by high-fat diet had an	increase	in body weight, fat accumulation, hyperglycemia,
after receiving normal or high calorie diet, showed an	increase	in growth and may develop obesity and glucose intolerance.
risen less than care provided in facilities. The gradual	increase	in cost for community-based care is good news for many
enterprise-wide in 1997, VHA experienced a 69 percent	increase	in patient throughput, patient records being available to
Records Commission could receive its first	increase	in six fiscal years in the FY "15 budget
the number of women murdered jumped by 31 percent, an	increase	only partly explained by better reporting of such cases.
economical growth slowed down in 2013, which could partly explain the	increase	in murder rates among conservative families accustomed to
67% of Americans believe the poor economy has caused an	increase	in domestic violence. Over \$5.8 billion is spent on health
when aggregate demand is so low. The health sector jobs on the	increase	also seem to be the ones at the lower end of the pay scale.

4. Describe, with examples, the FIVE items in extended units of meaning proposed by John Sinclair.

[100 marks]

5. Using relevant examples, discuss how corpus linguistics is employed in any TWO of the following fields.

[i] English language teaching

[ii] Literary study

[iii] grammar

[100 marks]