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

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

1. Discuss with examples four [4] of the following categories of Information Structure.

- [a] Given Information and New Information
- [b] Topics
- [c] Contrast
- [d] Definite expressions
- [e] Referential expressions
- [f] Generic and Specific Expressions

[20 marks]

2. Discourse can be divided into two: spoken and written discourse. Explore the differences and similarities, if any, between the two divisions using appropriate examples.

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3. Describe in detail the concept of 'felicity conditions' in speech acts. Then formulate a set of felicity conditions for each of the following illocutionary acts:

[a] promising,

[b] ordering

[30 marks]

4. "The covert architecture of conversation must achieve the following: organize turns so that more than one person has a chance to speak and the turn taking is orderly; allow for interlocutors to anticipate what will happen next and, where there is a choice, how the selection is to be decided; provide a way to repair glitches and errors when they occur."

(Finegan, 1999)

Discuss the above statement using appropriate examples.

[30 marks]