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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS FIVE [5] QUESTIONS IN THREE [3] PAGES.

Answer **FOUR** [4] questions. Answer **BOTH** questions from Section A and **TWO** [2] questions from Section B.

SECTION A: Answer **BOTH** questions.

1. Write short notes on the following.
 - [a] Discourse and discourse analysis.
 - [b] Context.
 - [c] Cohesion and coherence.
 - [d] Explicit and implicit performatives.
 - [e] Locutionary, illocutionary and perlocutionary acts.

[20 marks]

2. Give a comprehensive description of the explicit and implicit signals used to signal clause relations.

[20 marks]

SECTION B: Answer **TWO** [2] questions.

3. Grice's (1975) cooperative principle assumes that people cooperate in the process of communication in order to reduce misunderstandings. In order to comply with this principle, speakers need to follow a number of subprinciples or maxims.
- [a] Define each of these maxims.
 - [b] Explain the differences between 'quietly violating' a maxim and 'openly flouting' a maxim?
 - [c] Explain with examples, how implicatures can be generated using each of these maxims.
- [30 marks]
4. Searle (1969) divides speech acts into six basic categories. Discuss with examples these six basic categories.
- [30 marks]
5. Consider the following excerpt from a conversation among three friends.
- [a] Anita: Heard from Susan recently? She hasn't written or called in ages.
 - [b] Kevin: Yeah, she sent me a letter from Indonesia.
 - [c] Jane: Indonesia?
 - [d] Kevin: Oh, maybe it was from Brunei, I can't remember.
 - [e] Anita: What's she doin'?
 - [f] Jane: No, I know it must've been from Brunei 'cause she was gonna work there all year.
 - [g] Anita: What's she doin' in Brunei?
 - [h] Kevin: Why do you want to know?
 - [i] Anita: I don't know, I've just been thinking about her.
 - [j] Kevin: She's on some sort of a exchange program. Working as a research assistant in the local university or somethin'.
 - [k] Anita: Lucky her.
 - [l] Kevin: Yeah. Well, I don't know. She said she was tired of working away from home and wants to come home.

- [i] In the conversation above, how many turns does each participant have?
- [ii] Define the following terms: *turn-taking signal*, *claiming the floor*, *preferred response*, *dispreferred response*, *repair* and *trouble source*. Identify an example of each in the conversation above.

[30 marks]

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