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

Answer **ALL** the questions. They all carry equal marks.

1. Write a brief description of each of the following semantic concepts and provide examples to clarify your answer.
  - [a] Metaphor.
  - [b] Felicity condition.
  - [c] Logical fallacy.
  - [d] Prototype.
  - [e] Euphemism.
  
2. Leech (1981) in his chapter on "Semantics and Society" states that the functions of language "which most directly involve the social roles of language are the *expressive*, *directive* and *phatic* functions". Discuss.
  
3. Kreidler (1998) highlights seven different kinds of utterances or speech acts. Elaborate on four of them which, according to Kreidler, are alike in being concerned with some action but differ from one another as to whether the act is retrospective or prospective.

4. "...the SENSE of an expression is its place in a system of semantic relationships with other expressions in the language."(Hurford and Heasley 1983). Discuss. Clarify your answer by defining the sense-relations that you find among the words listed below and provide examples to support your answer. (Note that the words below are not listed in any particular order).

- [a] steal.
- [b] likely.
- [c] mouth.
- [d] alive.
- [e] take.
- [f] cook.
- [g] boil.
- [h] dead.
- [i] probable.

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