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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX (6) QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer FOUR (4) questions. Choose any TWO (2) questions from Section A and TWO (2) from Section B.

SECTION A

1. Describe the problems in doing discourse analysis. What is the importance of background knowledge in the interpretation of discourse. Discuss.

[25 marks]

2. Give a comprehensive description of the text forming devices as proposed by Halliday and Hasan (1985 a).

[25 marks]

3. Written language performs a similar range of broad functions to those performed by spoken language. In the light of this statement, describe the differences between spoken and written texts.

[25 marks]

SECTION B

4. Speech acts are successful only if they satisfy several criteria known as 'felicity conditions'. Explain and discuss those conditions with some examples.

[25 marks]

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5. Analyze the following conversational extract:

(E approaches counter. C looks up.)

E: Hi.

C: Hi. What can I do for you?

E: I'm returning this fax machine. It doesn't work.

C: Yeah. What's wrong with it?

E: Don't know. I plugged it in and it just didn't work. Not your fault but..

C: Did you buy it here? You got your receipt?

E: Yeah. Here.

C: Uhh okay. Do you want to get a new one or do you want your money back?

E: No, I want another one that works.

C: Yeah, okay. Get another one and bring it up here and I'll write it up for you.

E: Okay, thanks.

C: Yeah.

In your analysis, discuss:

- i) the structure of the conversation
- ii) the turn types
- iii) the speech event.

[25 marks]

6. What are the essential properties of Grice's (1975) co-operative principle? Discuss and illustrate each property with examples. In your discussion, explain what happens when they are flouted?

[25 marks]