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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS FIVE [5] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer **FOUR** [4] questions.

1. Discuss the notion of 'logic' in semantics. Include in your discussion the rules of inference for the logical connectives '&', 'V', '~', '→' and '≡'. Provide 2 examples for each connective and translate them into their appropriate logical formula.

[25 marks]

2. Leech identifies seven (7) types of meaning in semantics. Discuss each of these seven types of meaning. Include definitions and examples in your discussion.

[25 marks]

3. Explain the following statement.

“A word or sentence is ambiguous when it has more than one sense.”

Include in your explanation the notions of 'lexical ambiguity' and 'structural ambiguity'. Clarify your explanation by using the examples listed below.

- [a] She gave her dog meat.
- [b] Scientists put their glasses on their noses.
- [c] Leave the chairs on the veranda.
- [d] You should eat more nutritious food.
- [e] Oh, that's just a crazy lawyer's idea.

[25 marks]

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4. Write brief notes on the following semantics notions. Provide examples to support and clarify your answer:

[a] Sense properties: analytic, synthetic and contradiction.

[b] Extension and prototype.

[c] Universe of discourse and context.

[d] Sense relations and sense properties.

[25 marks]

5. Discuss how semantic features and distinguishers are used to explain meaning in Componential Analysis. Provide examples to illustrate your answer.

[25 marks]