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**MARKS: 75**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. ANSWER ONLY THREE QUESTIONS.
  2. QUESTION ONE IS **COMPULSARY**
  3. BEGIN EVERY QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE.
  4. WRITE NEATLY.
  5. NUMBER YOUR ANSWERS CORRECTLY.
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### QUESTION ONE - (COMPULSARY)

- a) Among the five components of grammar, students find semantics as the most interesting course to study. With clear examples, discuss five (5) reasons for studying semantics.  
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- b) Discuss in detail, the relationship between semantics and other components of grammar.  
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### QUESTION TWO

- a). Choose one word which does not share similar semantic features with rest in the group. Then provide the semantic features that distinguishes it from them.

- (i) Abuti, 'mangoane, rakhali, morena, moena
- (ii) Mosali, patsi, konyana, taoana, moshanyana
- (iii) Lintja, lingaka, libuka, lihoete, liperekisi, lithaba
- (iv) Bohale, leshala, bohloko, batsi, botsoa
- (v) Sututsa, beisa, khaketsa, lmathisa, lelekisa,

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- b). Discuss in detail, the semantic theory of The Image Theory of Meaning. Your answer should include the problems that are associated with this theory and provide examples to support it.

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### QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain the semantic relations between each pair of words below: Give reasons to support your answers.
- (i) Matsale/ ngoetsi
  - (ii) Letsatsi/ lephahama
  - (iii) Kheleke/ letlaila
  - (iv) Lekhala- *animal*/ lekhala - *plant*
  - (v) Nonyana/ leeba

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- b). With appropriate examples, distinguish between Paraphrase and Ambiguity.  
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#### QUESTION FOUR

- a). Discuss the following meaning relations. Provide examples for your answers.

- i). synonymy
- ii). polysemy
- iii). homonymy
- iv). ambiguity
- v). contradiction

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- b). With examples, discuss clearly, the causes of problems that might arise from ambiguous sentences  
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