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ALL 4305-6B: PRAGMATICS IN SESOTHO EXAMINATION

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MARKS: 100

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the questions carefully.
 2. Answer **FOUR** questions in **ALL**.
 3. Begin every answer on a new page.
 4. You may answer in either Sesotho or English.
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QUESTION 1

This question is compulsory.

Although both semantics and pragmatics deal with meaning, they are different linguistics concepts. With **THREE** points and **TWO** examples for each point, support this statement.

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QUESTION 2

- a) With clear example, define 'speech acts'. (4)
- b) Using examples, demonstrate the following speech acts:
- i) Requesting (3)
 - ii) Questioning (3)
 - iii) Commanding (3)
 - iv) Denying (3)
 - v) Promising (3)
 - vi) Advising (3)
 - vii) Threatening (3)

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QUESTION 3

Examine each pair of sentences below and indicate which maxim the second sentence observes or violates. Explain your answer.

1. a) Ba tlile le lengolo la hao posong.
b) Ba ne ba tlangoa ke eng?
2. a) U entseng ka chelate eo ke u fileng eona?
b) Ke patetse ntlo ea moo ke lulang.
3. a) Lineo o rata ho bala haholo.
b) O fihlile neng ho tsoa Maseru?
4. a) Ke se ke fihlile 'm'e.
b) O tšele metsi ka pitseng e aka.

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QUESTION 4

Define each of the following linguistic concepts and with clear examples, explain how they affect the interpretation of meaning in sentences.

- a) Discourse
- b) Setting
- c) Reference
- d) Deixis
- e) Antecedent

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QUESTION 5

With clear examples, discuss in detail the **Five** politeness maxims.

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