

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

B.A. EXAMINATIONS

ELX 4302: SEMANTICS THEORIES

JUNE 2023

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HRS

Instructions:

- **Question 1** is compulsory.
 - Choose any other **three** questions.
 - Marks will be awarded for good grammar and style
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Question 1

- (a) (i) What is the function of a semantic theory? (4)
- (ii) Discuss the major tenets of semantic field theory. (20)
- (b) With examples, discuss the following meaning relations:
- (i) Antonymy. (8)
- (ii) Hyponymy . (8) [40]

Section B

Question 2

Critically evaluate componential analysis as a tool for studying meaning. [30]

Question 3

According to the model proposed by Geoffrey Leech (1974), meanings can be categorised into **seven** types. Write brief notes on any **five** types of meaning. [30]

Question 4

With examples, show how the following tools may be used in historical semantics.

- (a) Conceptual Metaphor (15)
- (b) Metonymy (15) [30]