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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: ENG 312

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

DATE: TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2022

TIME: 11:00-1:00PM

Time: 2 Hrs

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

All answers should be illustrated with examples from the English Language

Q 1. COMPULSORY

- (a) Explain the significance of Semantics in communication. (6 marks).
 - (b) Discuss the ideational and referential theories of meaning showing their major areas of application as well as criticisms against them. (12 marks).
 - (c) Using appropriate examples, distinguish between ambiguity and vagueness. (6 marks).
 - (d) Describe the phenomena of polysemy showing the different types of polysemy. (6 marks).
2. Using appropriate examples explain the following types of incompatibility: gradable and non- gradable antonyms, complementarity and converseness. (20 marks)
 3. Explain the mechanisms, types and results of semantic change, (20 marks).
 4. Discuss the nature of presupposition and entailment. (20 marks)
 5. Using appropriate examples, discuss the different types of speech acts. (20 marks).