



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS/BACHELOR OF ARTS**

SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024

[JANUARY – APRIL, 2024]

ENGL 424: LINGUISTICS AND THE STUDY OF LITERATURE

STREAM: Y4 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

DATE: 24/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- A language performs several functions in any one given speech community. Discuss the general functions of a language. (10 marks)
- Define the terms 'style and stylistics and relate them to the study of literature (8 marks)
- Discuss the various ways of realizing aesthetic effects through the medium of language. (12 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Using illustrations from texts that you have read, discuss how the following have been used in the texts: (20 marks)

- Semantic redundancy
- Oxymoron
- Circumlocution
- Ambiguity and disambiguation.

QUESTION THREE

Neologism is a strategy used by writers to expand the vocabulary of a given language. Discuss this statement with illustrations to support your answers.

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Outline the general significance of lexical choices in literary compositions.

(8 marks)

b) Explain the significance of discrimination between small words and big words.

(12 marks)