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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS
FIRST SEMESTER 2023/2024
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LING 821: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

STREAM:

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

DATE: 19/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer QUESTION ONE and any OTHER TWO questions.**

QUESTION ONE

- (a). Distinguish between the terms Discourse and Discourse Analysis. (4marks)
- (b) Using relevant illustrations, discuss the relationship between spoken and written discourse. (16marks)
- (c). With the help of clear examples, examine *Critical Discourse Analysis* as an approach to the study of discourse. (10marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a). How does **hegemony** differ from **ideology**? (4marks)
- (b). Discuss any four (4) principles that govern all approaches to Critical Discourse Analysis. (10marks)
- (c.) Define the term data and explain any four (4) methods of gathering data in **Discourse Analysis Research**. (10marks)

QUESTION THREE

(a). (b). With clear illustration, discuss the role of context in discourse Analysis. (16marks)

(b). Distinguish between the terms *theme* and *rheme*. Give appropriate examples to support your answer. (4marks)

QUESTION FOUR

(a). Explain any three ways through which ideology is expressed in discourse. (3marks)

(b). Using relevant examples, describe the three (3) main acts of the speech act theory. (9marks)

(c) With the help of clear illustrations, explain any four (4) ways through which coherence can be achieved in a text. (8marks)

QUESTION FIVE

(a). Distinguish the following terms as used in discourse Analysis. (10marks)

(i.). Cohesion and coherence

(ii). Reference and speech Acts

(iii). Mode and tenor

(iv). Conversational Analysis and Ethnography of Communication

(v). Conventional implicature and Conversational implicature

(b). Highlight any four features of discourse analysis. (2marks)

(c.) With the help of clear examples, explain the relationship between Discourse and Information structure. (8marks)