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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 301: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

DATE:21/12/2022

TIME:8.30 – 10.30A.M

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30MARKS)

With the help of illustrations, discuss any five ways in which the distinction between written and spoken discourse have been narrowed by advances in technology. (30 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

Suppose a discourse analyst and a formal linguist were to analyse the following text. How would each go about it?

The text:

Wife: Swirry...there's a knock at the door!

Husband: Oh my! In the bath. What's gonna 'appen?

Wife: Oh dear! Ok, then.

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

Classroom discourse is made up of units which are organized in a rank scale. Discuss this statement with reference to the Birmingham School of Discourse analysis.

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

According to Paul Grice, conversations are governed by the Cooperative Principle.

- a) State the Principle (4 marks)
- b) Explain its four maxims (16 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

With reference to the Presidential Petition in which the election of William Ruto as the President Elect was upheld by the Supreme Court, explain any **five** felicity conditions which may have influenced the ruling.