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MAIN EXAMINATION

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ENG 303: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

**DATE: APRIL 2024**

**Duration: 2Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

**Q1.** Use the following discourse fragments to answer question 1(a-c)

**TEXT 1:**

T: Well,

Today I thought we'd do three quizzes. We don't take the whole lesson to do a quiz because I would want to talk to you some time.

The first quiz is this. Can you fill this sentence? See if you can do it in your

books. PS: Non-Verbal response (Begin Writing)

T: Finished Mercy?

P: What about the rest of you? Are you through?

PS: Yes

T: Right.

Read us what you have written, Mercy.

**TEXT**

**2:** T: What do we do with a saw?

P: Cut wood.

T: Yes.

You are shouting out though.

T: Scissors?

What do I cut with scissors?

P: Paper, Paper

T: Yes, Paper

Somebody is shouting out at the

back. P: Non-Verbal (Silence)

T: Good

Key: T =  
Teacher P =  
Pupil PS=  
Pupils

- a) i) Label each of the MOVES and EXCHANGES occurring in the discourse fragment. **(4 Marks)**
- ii Identify two framing utterances in the discourse fragments above. **(2 Marks)**
- iii) Briefly the context of situation in which the discourse fragments may have occurred using the notions “Participants”, “Purpose” and “Setting” **(4 Marks)**
- b) Explain the Gricean Maxims used in discourse analysis **(10 Marks)**
- c) Discuss the major concerns of the Speech Act Theory **(10 Marks)**

## Q2.

Explain the difference between spoken and written discourse. **(20 Marks)**

## Q3.

Cohesion creates the formal links between the sentences and clauses in a text. Discuss. **(20 Marks)**

## Q4.

Describe the felicity conditions necessary for each of the following utterances to function.

- i) I absolve you from all your sins. **(5 Marks)**
- ii) I declare the said person duly elected to parliament. **(5 Marks)**
- iii) I pronounce that they be man and wife. **(5 Marks)**
- iv) I promise to pay you Kshs. 1,000 **(5 Marks)**

**Q5.**

- a) Define the concept “Pragmatics” **(2 Marks)**
- b) Explain any three of the following terms.
  - i) Reference (Deixis) **(6 Marks)**
  - ii) Implicature **(6 Marks)**
  - iii) Presupposition **(6 Marks)**

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