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<b>FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER</b>	
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INSTRUCTIONS	
1. Write clearly and neatly. 2. Number the answers clearly.	

**PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS**

1. Question Paper
2. Answer Booklet

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 4 PAGES (INCLUDING THIS FRONT PAGE)

**General Instruction:** This question booklet contains two major parts. **Part One** requires you provide short answers or write a paragraph as per each instruction. Under **Part Two**, you need to write an essay following the instruction. Answer ALL the questions. Read all the questions carefully before answering. Number the answers clearly.

**PART ONE: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS CAREFULLY.....[50%]**

1. In Linguistics, there are three distinguishable stages of interpretation. Briefly describe each stage of interpretation and provide examples for each stage and substantiate your argument. Give short answers only.....[10 Marks]
  
2. Name the conversational implicature in each of the following sentences specifying the type of implicature you see embedded in the sentence.....[10 Marks]
  1. He gave her the key and she unlocked the safe in the bank.
  2. The egg is warm.
  3. It is possible that we are related.
  4. Some of the girls in this went to the showground.
  5. Loide has most of the money.
  6. That man is either Saara's uncle or her husband.
  7. I walked into a mosque.
  8. Saara is meeting the old sugar daddy tonight.
  9. I broke a fingernail this morning.
  10. In public, she kissed her professor.
  
3. Briefly explain the current relevance of Speech Act Theory (SAT) in the study of problems in Pragmatics. What are the major tenets of the theory? How can SAT be applied to solve language problems? Write an expository paragraph. .....[30 Marks]

**PART TWO: WRITING AN EXPOSITORY ESSAY**

**4. Interaction Analysis.....[50 Marks]**

According to Brown and Levinson (1987) politeness can be defined as "showing awareness and consideration of another person's face " (pp. 311-312). Politeness means to know how to be nice, tactful, and modest to other people. People, therefore, avoid face threatening acts with politeness strategies. Linguistic politeness can be defined as the ways in which language is employed in conversation to show consideration for the feelings and desires of one's interlocutors to create and uphold interpersonal relationships and to comply with the rules for what society or one's culture considers appropriate behaviour. The major purpose of Politeness Principle (PP) according to Leech is to establish and maintain feelings of comity within social group. In line with Geoffrey Leech's Politeness Principles, analyse the conversation between a medical doctor and a patient below. **Write an expository essay.**

The patient was a young man named Eben Kalola who was brought to Katutura Hospital in Windhoek. The patient here fell on a forklift while he was at work. His lower back bones and muscles were dislocated. He had to be sent to the osteopathic manipulation procedure to move his displaced bones back to their position. Evaluate the context of the following medical interaction and write an expository essay following Leech's Politeness Principle.

**Nurse:** Doctor, there is a man who came with the paramedics in ward 4 waiting for you.

**Doctor:** Good morning, Nurse (Shaking hands with the Nurse). What has happened? What is the problem?

**Patient:** I fell on a forklift at my workplace. I cannot move my back. I have a lot of pain.

**Doctor:** Can I please examine your back? Do you have a lower back pain?

**Patient:** Mhhmmmm. (Groaning)

**Doctor:** I will send you to the X-ray service to determine the extent of the injury.

**Patient:** Ok Doctor

Two hours later...

**Doctor:** The result of your X-ray shows that your disc has shifted. It needs to be moved back to its original place.

**Patient:** Are you going to operate me Doctor? I just do not have sufficient money at the moment.

**Doctor:** No! No operation required. I will send you for the osteopathic manipulation.

**Patient:** Is it painful Doctor? Is it expensive? [*Lowering his voice.*]

**Doctor:** Why are you here if you do not have sufficient funds? [*Shouting at him.*]

**Procedure.**

**Doctor:** The osteopathic manipulation procedure is not usually painful. Osteopathy is a type of physical manipulation of the body's muscle tissue and bones that will be performed to move your displaced bones. The osteopath will perform the procedure. When the procedure is complete, you will come back to me for your medication.

**Patient:** Ok Doctor.

**Doctor:** Welcome back. How was the procedure? How are you feeling now?

**Patient:** I feel fine Doctor. I can even walk. The other Doctor (osteopath) twisted my lower back and my hip bones with his hands.

**Doctor:** That was the osteopath. I will now prescribe for you some pain medication to take when you get home. I will also book you off for one week and advise you to rest. Do not do any physical work even if you feel like you are strong to work until after 7 days. I will book you in the hospital ward.

**Patient:** No! No ! I must be discharged! I have no money left. I am alone here! Please let me go!

**Doctor:** I will prescribe for you ibuprofen and naproxen to reduce the lower back pain. For you to prevent back pain, I advise you to use safe lifting techniques while standing at a correct posture.

**Patient:** Is there any other way? I can't stay even for two more days here. I just can't stay here. *[Shouting and groaning at the same time.]*

**Doctor:** I will book you in the hospital ward for 7 days. I need you to heal and rest enough. I will come to the ward to review your state every morning for 7days. Have a nice day. *[The Doctor banged the door and left hardily.]*