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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS	
1. Write clearly and neatly. 2. Number the answers clearly. 3. Read all the questions carefully before answering.	

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Question Paper
2. Answer Booklet

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

General Instruction: This examination booklet contains three sections. Section One requires you to provide short answers as per the instruction in the section. Under Section Two, you need to write a short paragraph in line with the instruction in this section. In Section Three, you are required to write an extended essay. Answer ALL the questions. Read all the questions carefully before answering. Number your answers clearly.

SECTION ONE: THEORY OF IMPLICATURE.....[20 MARKS]

Mention the type of conversational implicature embedded in each of the following sentence.

1. Her pilot brother has a fear of heights.
2. I am studying Linguistics at the Namibia University of science and Technology and completed some of the required module.
3. His son is one of the top performing PhD candidates of Forensic Linguistics at the University of Stellenbosch.
4. Kapenda thinks there is a meeting tonight at NUST Hotel School.
5. My heart's a stereo and it beats for my husband only.
6. Hosea has most of the money and settled all our bills at NUST Hotel School.
7. For the entire 2023 academic year, this room 211 has become my prison.
8. What on earth has happened to the roast beef?
9. I walked into a house.
10. Katutura police station got robbed in the daylight yesterday.

SECTION TWO : PRESUPPOSITION, ENTAILMENT AND IMPLICATURE[30 MARKS]

Expounding and interpreting the relationships and differences between presupposition, entailment, and implicature in Pragmatics have been a very complex task. Write a comparative paragraph unlocking the relationship between presupposition, entailment, and implicature in Pragmatics. Whenever possible, provide pragmatic examples.

SECTION THREE : WRITING AN ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Interaction Analysis.....[50 Marks]

Due to his extreme pain, the patient in the conversation below demanded an operation. The doctor spent sufficient time to convince the patient that he does not need any kind of eye operation at all. However, the patient persisted and was not gratified. Evaluate the context of the following medical interaction between the medical doctor and the patient and write an argumentative essay following Geoffrey Leech's Politeness Theory.

Ophthalmology- asthenopia (Eye strain)

This patient came to the eye clinic complaining about a condition called asthenopia (eye strain). It is a condition that is caused by reading or driving for long hours without resting the eyes. The eyes become strained. He was admitted to the hospital two days ago as his eyes were swollen, and he felt a burning sensation continuously.

Doctor: Please open your eyes, I will use this small light to examine your eyes.

Patient: I have been reading on the computer for long hours Doctor because I have a project due for submission on the 31st.

Doctor: Oooh, so you were reading on your computer for a very long time? [Sarcastically]I can see now.

Patient: Yes Doctor

Doctor: You are suffering from asthenopia or simply eye strain.

Patient: I have been reading for a long time then afterwards I drove for 40 km (Bishoftu) to where I am staying. When I reached home, my eyes stated burning me inside out. I could not sleep at all.

Doctor: Yes. That condition is called asthenopia or eyestrain. It is a common condition that occurs when your eyes get tired from intense use especially when you read or drive for long distances. Reading during the day can be fine but it must be with some breaks in between.

Patient: Ok Doctor

Doctor: I will test your eyes and prescribe reading glasses for you.

Patient: Are the reading glasses not too expensive Doctor? I thought I would be given an eye operation.

Doctor: You do not need to pay anything. Your medical aid can cover for that. After taking the medication, the pain will subside, and you do not need an operation at all.

Patient: That is the good thing about having a medical aid Doctor, but I need the operation. It is burning me deep and deep.

Doctor: Please look inside the screen and read the letters for me please. I will rest you using the Snellen test. The Snellen test uses a chart of letters or symbols. You will identify the letters while I check here. You will tell me what you see.

Patient: E, W, C, F, P

Doctor: The testing is now complete. I will prescribe reading glasses +4 lenses. Your eyes were a bit weak. The pain must subside first and you will be discharged soon.

Patient: I am not satisfied with your decision but let me follow what you are telling me.