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QUALIFICATION : BACHELOR OF ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS	
QUALIFICATION CODE: 07BENL	LEVEL: 7
COURSE CODE: PRG721S	COURSE NAME: PRAGMATICS
SESSION: November 2025	PAPER: THEORY
TIME: 3 hours	MARKS: 100 %

FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION 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 3 PAGES (INCLUDING THIS FRONT PAGE)

General Instruction: This examination booklet contains two parts. **Part One:** In this section, students are expected to write a short paragraph in line with the instructions provided. **Part Two:** In this section, students are required to write an extended and analytical essay. **Answer ALL the questions.** Carefully read all the questions before answering. Number your answers clearly.

PART ONE: PARAGRAPH WRITING.....[40 Marks]

THEMATIC MEANING IN PRAGMATICS

In your own words, what does “thematic meaning” signify in Pragmatics? Explaining the term, write an explanatory paragraph and provide examples whenever applicable.

PART TWO : ESSAY WRITING[MARK: 60 %]

Implicature Theory and Conversation Analysis

Implicature Theory, coined by philosopher H. P. Grice in 1975, is a concept in Pragmatics that explains how speakers can imply meanings beyond what is explicitly stated in an utterance. The theory distinguishes between two main types of implicature. What does the Implicature Theory of Grice mean to all of us in the 21st century? Can the theory improve everyday conversations? Can the theory improve our daily communication systems at all? In line with the theory, write an essay analyzing the conversation between a medical doctor and an HIV patient. The conversation took place in the doctor’s consultation room at Katutura State Hospital, Namibia.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr Harold : Good evening, dear Mrs Hannah! I understand you’ve arrived to tell me about the status of your body’s garden again. How are the vines of your health growing this year?2. Mrs Hannah: Good evening, my respected doctor. Life is a race, and we never realize that we are running towards nothing! Sometimes I sense like my fruits are rotten-often times the energy drains as if the sun has hidden behind the Brandberg Mountain of Namibia. |
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3. Dr Harold: That's also common among HIV patients in our own country. For this whole year, this room has become my prison. HIV is a thunderstorm that tries to uproot your military camp, but your immune system is the strong tree fighting to hold tight against the aggressive wind. How have you been watering it with your medication?
4. Mrs Hannah: I try to feed the roots with my meds every day, but sometimes the branches tremble with fear of side effects, like shadows in the evening.
5. Dr Harold: Side effects can feel like pests attacking the buds, but they usually pass if you keep nurturing the tree faithfully. Remember, each tablet is like sunlight helping sprouts grow stronger.
6. Mrs Hannah: I want to think my forest can flourish again, but sometimes the weeds of doubt choke my hopes of survival.
7. Dr Harold: It's natural to feel that way. The hiking is on a long trail through the dark woods—sometimes the path is rough, sometimes clear. But each step on this trail with the right medicine is clearing the underbrush for your life to bloom.
8. Mrs Hannah: Does this mean my fruits can still flower, despite this storm roaring inside on daily basis?
9. Dr Harold: Absolutely! Your spirit is the seed that holds the promise of blossoms. With maintenance, sustenance, and flexibility as your gardener, your health can thrive like a garden in full bloom, even after the darkest rains.
10. Mrs Hannah: Thank you, doctor. I will tend this garden with patience, watching for new buds in the dawn.
11. Dr Harold: And I'll be here, helping you prune the branches and protect your roots. Together, we'll nurture that garden into a flourishing landscape. Let me take some blood counts. Follow me to the lab [Conversations end here.] She is happy as a clam.