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COURSE CODE: PRG721S	COURSE NAME: PRAGMATICS
SESSION: November 2024	PAPER: THEORY
TIME: 3 hours	MARKS: 100%

FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
EXAMINER(S)	Prof. Haileleul Zeleke Woldemariam
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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 parts. **Part One** requires you to provide short answers as per the instruction in the section. Under **Part Two**, you need to write a short paragraph in line with each instruction in this section. In **Part Three**, you are required to write an extended essay. Answer ALL the questions. Read all the questions carefully before answering. Number your answers clearly.

PART ONE: TYPES OF IMPLICATURE[10 MARKS]

1) On the space provided, identify the type of conversational implicature embedded in each of the following sentences.

1. Prof Monwabisi Knowledge Ralarala, University of the Western Cape, shared some of his articles about Forensic Linguistics with second year students of NUST. _____
2. My professors are the light of my life. _____
3. For this whole year, this room has become my prison. _____
4. My heart's a stereo and it beats for my daughter only. _____
5. She is happy as a clam. _____

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

2) **INTERPRETATION IN PRAGMATICS.....[20 MARKS]**

Write a paragraph describing the distinguishable stages of “interpretation” in Pragmatics. For each stage of interpretation, provide two examples.

3) **REFLECTED MEANING IN PRAGMATICS AND SEMANTICS[20 MARKS]**

In your own words, what is your understanding of “reflected meaning” in Pragmatics? Expounding the term, write an expository paragraph and provide examples whenever possible.

PART TWO : ESSAY WRITING[MARK... 50%]

4) THE RELEVANCE OF THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE FOR SPEECH ANALYSIS.....[Marks: 50%]

Grice's maxims of conversation are a collection of maxims to describe principles that people intuitively follow to guide their conversations, make their communicative efforts effective, and minimize misunderstandings. Grice's (1975) co-operative principle views conversation as a rational and cooperative activity among humans. In order to have a meaningful exchange of information, speakers cooperate with each other and implicitly follow a series of conversational maxims or rules (Grice, 1975). Paul Grice (1975) argues that when we communicate, we assume, without realizing it, that we, and the people we are talking to, will be conversationally cooperative to achieve mutual conversational ends. What does the Cooperative Principle of Grice mean to all of us in the 21st century? Can these principles improve everyday conversations? Can the principles improve our daily communication systems at all? In line with these principles and factors, write an essay analysing the statement below by the late H.E. Dr Hage Geingob, former President of the Republic of Namibia at the African Peer-Review Mechanism Forum of Heads of State and Government on 28 January 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Our Excellency Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the APRM Forum,

Your Excellency, Mr. Idris Itno Deby, Chairperson of the African Union,

Your Excellencies, Heads of State and Government,

Your Excellency, Dr Nkosazana-Dhlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the AU Commission,

Mr. Eddy Maloka, CEO of the APRM Secretariat,

Distinguished Members of the APRM Panel of Eminent Persons,

Members of the APRM Secretariat,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Namibia is honoured to have acceded to the African Peer Review Mechanism. We believe this Mechanism, geared towards fostering the adoption of policies, standards and practices that lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development, and accelerated economic integration, will play a pivotal role in enabling Africa to achieve the noble Aspirations and Developmental Goals of Agenda 2063 and its First-Ten Year

Implementation Plan.

Mechanisms such as the APRM provide us with an opportunity to introspectively interrogate our processes, systems and institutions in order to identify shortcomings, while at the same time identifying our strengths. With many of our governments having adopted a number of policies and ratified countless instruments, it is only through the implementation of the APRM that we will achieve tangible far-reaching results. The voluntary nature of the APRM allows Member States to openly and realistically evaluate and monitor developmental progress in a friendly Peer-Peer atmosphere.

As many of you may be aware, Namibia has always supported the APRM since its inception, however, during that time, Namibia and Botswana were considered worldwide as good examples of democracy in Africa and we therefore decided to abstain from joining the APRM as we did not want to be used as a point of reference to be used against our fellow African countries.

Your Excellencies,

The Vision of our Union, "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in global arena", can only be achieved if we are united and pull in the same direction in the spirit of HARAMBEE. The prosperity of our respective nations is the prosperity of the whole Continent. Therefore, what we want to achieve are positive effects and results stemming from our sound governance structures, policies and programmes that are aimed at eradicating poverty, achieving inclusive and sustainable economic growth, geared towards raising the standard of living for all our peoples.

Let me say that from a personal standpoint, there is a sense of delight for joining the APRM, given the fact that I had been involved together with President Thabo Mbeki and Professors Wiseman Nkuhlu and Adebayo Adedeji, at the initial stages of this process. It is therefore a pleasure for me to announce that the Republic of Namibia has voluntarily decided to unconditionally accede to the APRM.

I thank you.