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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES  
ENGLISH PROGRAMME  
2019/ 2020 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**COURSE TITLE: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 403**

**DATE: JANUARY 2020**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer question one and any other three.**

1. Read through the text below and answer the questions that follow:

Ade: Hei Okoli, morning.

Okoli: Ade, morning, how are you?

Ade: Fine, thank you and you?

Okoli: Fine thank you.

*(Yisa joins them)*

Yisa: Hi guys, have you heard the news?

Ade & Okoli: *(both)*. What news?

Yisa: Both of you are not current at all.

The Speaker has resigned.

Ade: At last, shameless fox!

Okoli: That's ok.

Ade: What is Ok? He must be...

Yisa: Must be what? Must be what...?

Ade: Probed of course.

He embezzled our...

Yisa: Embezzled your what...?

Okoli: He was not alone, or

What do you feel Yisa?

Yisa: He has his gang members. I'm not one of them.

Ade: He will be forced to name them.

Okoli: He may not want to name them.

Ade: That's his own headache. I'm off to the library.

Okoli: Bye

Yisa: Later

(Called from Osisanwo (2003) *Introduction to Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics*.)

- (i) Mention the conversation's opening device.
  - (ii) Are there discourse interruptions? Identify them.
  - (iii) How many turns are in the conversation?
  - (iv) How many turns does each participant have?
  - (v) What is the subject matter of the conversation?
  - (vi) What closes the conversation and how? **(25marks)**
2. According to Odebunmi (2006), context is the spine of meaning. Discuss **(15marks)**
- 3a. What is the basic concern of discourse analysis? **(5marks)**
- b. Distinguish between discourse and text. **(10marks)**
- 4a. What is language? **(5marks)**
- b. Discuss five characteristics of a language. **(10marks)**
5. What is your understanding of Speech Act Theory? **(15marks)**
6. Discuss Halliday's metafunction of language in relation to context of situation and grammatical system. **(15marks)**

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