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2018/2019 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

COURSE CODE: ENG 403

DATE: DECEMBER, 2018

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: There are six questions. Answer 4 questions in all. Question 1 is compulsory.

1. Attempt a speech act analysis of the excerpt below:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Chairman and members of the Convention Committee for planning and conducting this convention. The same appreciation goes to the chairmen of National and State Executive Committees of our party. Thank you very much for doing a difficult job well.

I would like to pay tribute to Chief Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Chief Bisi Akande the first chairman of our great Party; and to Chief John Oyegun who led the party until this year and all the APC Governors.

The result of the presidential primaries of the All Progressives Congress this time is different because I am the only candidate. I thank all other eligible candidates who deferred to me in the interest of our party unity and over-all national stability.

Fellow party members, it is with a deep sense of humility that I stand before you today to accept the nomination of our party, the All Progressives Congress to be its candidate and flag-bearer in the 2019 presidential elections.

As I stand today before you, there is no honour greater than the confidence given to me by all of you when you affirmed my nomination. I thank you for your support. I thank you for your guidance. I thank you for staying committed to the CHANGE agenda.

I accept this honour as a tribute and mark of confidence to carry the responsibility as we all join hands to continue the good work of the APC government to 2023 and beyond.

We are very proud of our record from 2015 to date:

- a. We have arrested and checked the slide to anarchy on the security and economic fronts.
- b. Boko Haram is reduced to dastardly attacks on soft targets. Normalcy has returned to much of North East and neighbouring North West states.
- c. Our currency has stabilised. Our reserves are now \$44 billion, a lot higher than we had in 2015.
- d. Power generation capacity has reached 8,000 megawatts against less than 4,600 when we came into office. As we invest in new power generation infrastructure, we are strenuously working to address the legacy deficiencies and challenges of transmission and distribution networks across the country.
- e. We are executing Independent Power Projects in 9 Federal Universities to deliver uninterrupted power supply, and we intend to expand to a total of 37 Universities
- f. We have revived most of our capacity to produce fertilisers locally.
- g. The Government, through its Anchor Borrowers Programme and other incentives, has empowered more than 2 million farmers to go back to the land. We now produce 80% of our rice requirements. Many farmers who nearly lost hope are now millionaires.
- h. We have introduced primary school feeding programmes to encourage attendance and enrolment. We also have introduced the conditional cash transfer scheme to help small and medium businesses, the men, the women and young people who drive our economy.
- i. We have repaired and are repairing major arterial roads and starting major railway projects with the aim of linking the 36 states with efficient road and rail transportation systems.
- j. We are attacking corruption head-on. With international support, we are recovering Nigerian stolen assets and applying them to infrastructural developments.
- k. Today the corrupt are facing the wrath of law and leakages have been generally blocked.

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, Members of the APC.

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- b. Security down! 18 local governments of Nigeria under control of a hostile army of insurgents
- c. Reserves depleted!
- d. Bankruptcy around the corner.

What did they do with your money?

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Ladies and gentlemen, Members of APC, I thank you deeply for your support and confidence in me. I will not let you or the people of Nigeria down.

On to victory in 2019!

Long live APC!

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

Thank you and God bless you all.

(Culled from The Guardian October 7, 2018)

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6. With adequate examples, differentiate between John Austin's and John Searle's traditions of the speech act theory.

Moderated.
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