

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO  
2020/2021 FIRST SEMESTER ONLINE EXAMINATION  
ENG 403: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours

Instruction: Answer THREE questions in all. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY.

1. Analyse the pragmatic meaning of the conversation below by focusing on the import of the notations used in the transcript:

1. Doc: Morning=
2. Pat: Good morning, Doctor (.)
3. Doc: How are you today? --
4. Pat: We thank God (.). You see::, this thing in my sto:mach is giving me problem =
5. Doc; The<sup>o</sup> same thing I think you complained<sup>o</sup> last time (.)
6. Pat: Ye::s, Doctor (.)
7. Doc: Let me see.
8. ((Examines the patient))
9. (0.05)
10. Doc: Do you fee::l it more when I >press this side<↑=
11. Pat: Ye::s, very well, \*uhn\*, \*uhn\* (0.04)
12. Doc: What of here? =
13. Pat: No. >No pain< (0.03)
14. Doc: Does it <AFFECT YOU WHEN YOU> breathe↑=
15. Pat: No. -- But that side, it is serious there (0.02)
16. Doc: All right. ((Writes)) (0.20)
17. Doc: I will prescribe some injections which you ha::ve to: take for five days =
18. Pat: Five days? (0.03)
19. Doc: YES, five days (0.05)
20. Pat: No drugs↓ --No other thing↓
21. Doc: The injection will wor::k faster and <grip it quick as you complain> now (.)
22. Pat: Ah::, DOCTOR (0.04)
23. Doc: O:::kay, okay::, let's come to a level ground (0.03) Could you take injections for two
24. days, and use drugs for so:::me days afterwards↑
25. Pat: En::, you see, <okay, Doctor>. We:::ll, if no:: other option =
26. Doc: Go and meet the nurses, and see us in another week (.)
27. Pat: Thank you, Doctor=
28. Doc: Thank you=
29. Pat: Thank you=
30. Doc: Okay.  
(Culled from Odebunmi 2021)

2. In what ways does discourse analysis enhance our understanding of human communication?
3. With copious illustrations, discuss Jacob Mey's theory of pragmeme.
4. Drawing relevant examples from students' use of language in Bowen University, examine the tenets/principles of any (ONE) of the following theories/models of politeness:
  - i. Robin Lakoff's politeness principle

- ii. Geoffrey Leech's conflict avoidance politeness model
  - iii. Fraser and Nolen's conversational contract notion of politeness
  - iv. Brown and Levinson's face work theory
5. To what extent does grounding facilitate interactants' access to conversational meaning?
6. What is the place of Dell Hymes' Ethnography of Communication in discourse analysis?

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