

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2018/2019 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

COURSE TITLE: AN INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH SEMANTICS

COURSE CODE: ENG 303

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2019

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instruction: Answer 3 questions in all (Question 2 and any other two).

1. Discuss three main semantic theories studied in this course.
(20 Marks)
2. How would you explain structural semantics? Use relevant examples to support your discussion.
(30 Marks)
3. What do you understand as *sense relations*? What aspects of the relations have to do with your understanding of *ambiguity*?
(20 Marks)
4. How would you define the *Nigerian* variety of English? Use copious examples of Nigerian English to explain the following concepts:
(a) semantic extension, (b) semantic shift and (c) semantic re-duplication.
(20 Marks)
5. Explain the semiotic triangle and its relevance to the place of meaning in English.
(20 Marks)