School of Liberal Education
Master of Arts in English
Semester End Examination - Nov 2023

Duration : 180 Minutes
Max Marks : 100

Sem III - ENG6035 - Semantics

General Instructions
Answer to the specific question asked
Draw neat, labelled diagrams wherever necessary
Approved data hand books are allowed subject to verification by the Invigilator

1) How does ambiguity affect the meaning? — K1 (2)

2) Illustrate the difference between direct speech acts and indirect speech acts. — K2 (4)

3) Discuss the similarities and the differences between gradable opposites and multiple incompatibles with suitable examples. — K2 (6)

4) Identify the predicator and the argument(s) in the following sentences. — K3 (9)
   i. Her house is near that big church.
   ii. My assignment is different from yours.
   iii. London is a crowded city.
   iv. The knife is identical to the one in his hand.
   v. The temple is in front of my house.
   vi. Your elder brother is afraid of that criminal.
   vii. He is a great scholar.
   viii. She gave me everything.
   ix. He resembles his father.

5) Provide examples of how semantic ambiguity can lead to misunderstanding in everyday conversations or written texts. — K3 (9)

6) Evaluate Generative Semanticists' Theory of Meaning with suitable examples. — K5 (10)

7) Analyze four types of antonyms in English. Give five examples to illustrate each of four types. — K4 (12)

8) The meaning of a word can be described and understood as a togetherness of certain components of meaning. Justify the statement with suitable examples. — K5 (15)

9) "Austin's division of speech acts into five groups is all right as far as it goes but the trouble is that some of these groups shade off into each other". Do you agree? Justify the statement with examples. — K5 (15)

10) Transitivity in modern semantics does not mean the same thing as it does in grammar. Discuss. — K6 (18)