

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2017
(1st Year, 2nd Semester)
LINGUISTICS
Pragmatics & Discourse Studies
Course : VII

Time: Two hours

Full Marks: 30

Part A

1. Answer *All* questions

(i) Indicate whether sentence (a) is entailing sentence (b):

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(a) It's raining.

(b) It's cold.

(ii) Of the following two conversational implicatures which is the generalized one and which is the particularized one?

2x1=2

John: How did yesterday's guest lecture go?

Mary: Some of the faculty left before it ended.

+> (a) Not all of the faculty left before it ended.

+> (b) The lecture didn't go well.

(iii) What presupposition does the following construction give rise to?

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John never remarried.

(iv) Using Searle's typology, classify the following speech acts:

4x1=4

(a) pleading, (b) welcoming, (c) recommending, (d) undertaking

(v) Which of the following *italicized* expressions are used in a gestural way and which in a symbolic way?

2x1=2

(a) Hi, is Mary *there*?

(b) Press the button *now*.

Part B

Answer any *two* questions

2. What are the main semantic parameters of space deixis? Of these parameters which one is the most important and why?

3+1+1=5

3. Define locutionary, illocutionary and perlocutionary acts with examples. What is indirect speech act?

3+2=5

4. What is projection problem for presupposition? Explain its significance with examples.

2.5+2.5=5

5. What are the similarities and differences between conversational and conventional implicatures?

2.5+2.5=5

Part C

Answer any *ONE* question

6. What are the essential properties of conversational implicature? Discuss with illustrations. 10

7. Critically assess the filtering-satisfaction analysis and the cancellation analysis. 5+5=10