MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2017
(1st Year, 2nd Semester)
LINGUISTICS
Semantics
Course : VI

Time: Two hours

Full Marks: 30

Part A

Answer any *two* questions.

1. Write short notes (any two): (a) polysemy, (b) meta language, (c) evidentiality   2.5x2=5
2. Discuss truth tables for entailment and presupposition.   2.5x2=5
3. Define different types of situations proposed by Vendler and provide examples for each of these types.   5
4. What is theta-criterion? Is it possible for a nominal to fulfill more than one theta role semantically? – Provide justification in support of your answer.   5
5. Prove that *modus tollen* is valid.   5

Part B

Answer any *ONE* question

6. Discuss different types of thematic roles with examples drawn from language?   10
7. Discus the concepts of *necessity, a-priori* and *analyticity*. Also show the inter relations among them.   6+4=10

Part C

8. Answer *ALL* questions   1.25x8=10
(i) Distinguish present perfect and proximate future, following Reichenbach's proposal for tenses and aspects.
(ii) What is *propositional attitude*? Give examples.
(iii) What is *implicatiofial hierarchy*? Give examples.
(iv) What would be the thematic role grid for the verb 'borrow'?
(v) In Katzian dictionary how information about grammatical category, semantic marker, distinguisher, and selectional restriction are represented?
(vi) Name the universal semantic categories identified by Jackendoff.
(vii) Write the logical forms for all valid inferences.
(viii) Calculate the truth value of $(((p \rightarrow q) \wedge r) \vee \neg s)$, when $p = T$, $q = F$, $r = T$ and $s = F$.