

Introduction to linguistics 2 (Spring 2022)

Mid semester exams

25 Marks. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Indicate the relationship between the following pairs of words (in bold) and explain your choice.

a) He is on **parole** for two weeks.

Saussure makes a distinction between langue and **parole**.

b) The **leaves** are falling.

The **tree** is shedding leaves.

c) The **sole** of my shoe needs repair.

The **sole** survivor in the accident has been hospitalized.

d) They will **laugh** at your silly joke.

The joke made me **giggle**.

e) The **parrot** has a red beak.

The **bird** flew away.

f) The **teacher** was in his office.

The **students** were in the class.

g) I bought the latest **issue** of India Today.

The librarian refused to **issue** the book.

h) She **bought** some flowers for the party.

They purchased a new car.

i) Don't fiddle with the carpenter's tools.

The hammer is missing from the kit.

j) Fill up the bucket

Empty out the bucket.

✓ 2. Why do you think Absolute Synonymy is extremely rare? Give reasons for your answer with examples, preferably from your own language.

✓ 3. What do you understand by 'gradable antonyms'? Discuss with reference to their characteristic features.

✓ 4. Discuss the difference between 'entailment' and 'presupposition'. Give suitable examples.

5. What do you understand by 'PREDICATION'? Draw a tree diagram of the following sentence – starting from PREDICATION to SEMANTIC FEATURES:

'The old woman fried an egg.'