

Introduction To Linguistics - II

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Quiz-1

Marks: 22.5

Time: 35 mins

1. How can Sapir-Whorf Theory be argued for as well as against the idea of translation(3).
Provide certain examples/instances supporting your answer.

2. Which of the following statement is/are correct regarding Sapir Whorf Hypothesis:

A. Language determines thought

B. Language influences thought

Explain your answer briefly.

On the same note, comment on some of the drawbacks of the relativist theory. Give examples.(2+2+1)

3. How is Semantics related to the idea of Semiotics?(2.5)

4. From your language give 2 instances each depicting the meaning of words based on social status, affective meaning and collocative meaning, explaining them very briefly(3+1)

5. Choose the correct sentence(s):(2)

(a) Denotative meaning is central in nature whereas connotation is peripheral

(b) Denotative meaning of a word is indeterminate

(c) Denotative meaning can be summed up as the logical , conceptual meaning of a word.

(d) Denotations usually are subject to change.

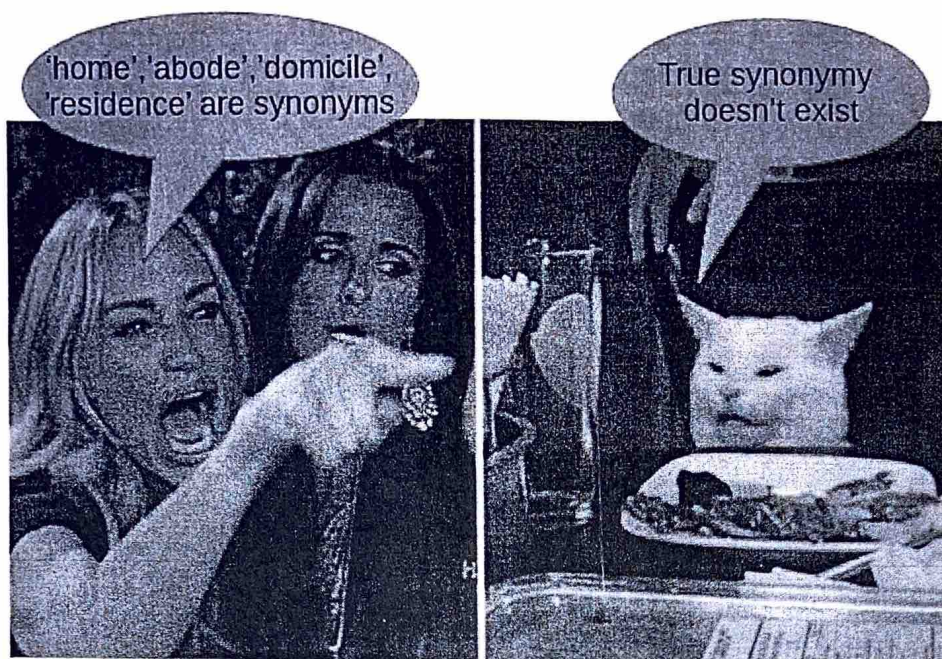
6. Which of the following has a negative connotation:(2)

(a) Childish

(b) Childlike

(c) Selective

(d) Picky



7.

Explain how this meme depicts the fact that true synonymy does not actually exist. Give an example from your language as well(2)

8. Give examples from your language for tautology and absurd presupposition(2)