

Total marks: 30. All questions carry equal marks

1. Explain the difference between Denotative/logical and Connotative meanings with examples from your language.
2. Comment on the following statement: "our thoughts are conditioned by the language we speak".
3. Identify the semantic relationship between the following pairs of words (in Bold) and justify your choice:

a) Leaves fall in winter.

She leaves for Mumbai tomorrow.

b) Parents were in the office and the **children** were in school.

c) Crow is a black **bird**.

d) The boy did not **cry**, he **sobbed**.

e) Get the librarian to **issue** the latest **issue** of India Today.

f) The **tree** needs some attention – the **roots** and **trunk** are drying up.

g) I asked you to **pull** the chair to your side, not **push** it.

(h) He is too **young** to smoke but too **old** to need a pacifier.

i) I was the **sole** witness to your polishing off the fried **sole** on your plate.

j) In my research I **found** that the organization's aim was to **found** schools in rural areas.

4. What are 'gradable antonyms'? Discuss with reference to their characteristic features.

5. Why do you think Absolute Synonymy (both at lexical and sentential levels) is extremely rare? Substantiate your answer with examples, preferably from your own language.

6. What do you understand by 'entailment' and 'presupposition'? Give examples and differentiate them with the help of Truth Tables.