

Mid-semester exams

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.