

Mini Discourse Analysis Question Bank

A) Determine if there any substitution, ellipsis, or reference:

1- This is a fine hall you have here. I'm so proud to be lecturing in it.

a) Anaphoric Reference

b) Cataphoric Reference

c) Nominal Substitution

2- This is a fine hall you have here. I have never lectured in a finer one.

a) Anaphoric Reference

b) Cataphoric Reference

c) Nominal Substitution

3- This is a fine hall you have here. I have never lectured in a finer. X

a) Verbal Ellipsis

b) Nominal Ellipsis

c) Clausal Ellipsis

B) Choose the correct answer:

4- is an item of a text deleted but understood from the speech.

a) Substitution

b) Ellipsis

c) Reference

5- Ellipsis is substitution by zero.

a) True

b) False

c) Maybe

C) Determine which type of substitution is the following:

5- Determine which type of substitution is the following:

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

6- I'm so glad I moved to Australia. I hope you'll visit me here one day.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

7- John asked me to go for dinner at Toni's Italian, but I didn't want to go there.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

8- I don't like that drink. Can you order me another one?

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

9- He wants the beef burger with cheese, and I think I'll have the same.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

10- I'm sure I'll get home before you do.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

11- Olivia likes pancakes and so does Jane/so do I.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

12- Do you think John will pass his driving test first time?

No, I don't think so.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

13- She didn't even thank me. That's why I won't help her again.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

D) Determine which type of Ellipsis is the Following:

14- He chose the red car, but I liked the blue.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

15- The girl's parents care about her, but the boys have no time for him.

a) Nominal

b) Verbal

c) Clausal

16- A: Which one is your father? B: The taller.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

17- A: Where is the salt? B: I need some.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

18- His sons went into business. Neither succeeded.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

19- A: Is there any hotel near from here? B: Unfortunately, there isn't any.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

20- Write an essay about the following two ideas. Two pages for each are enough.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

21- I'll have the usual x, please.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

22- I have used two of the three folders you gave me. May I use the other?

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

23- Jean brought some presents, and John some sweets.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

24- Because Alice won't, Mary has to sweep the floor.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

25- A: Can all cats climb trees? B: Yes, they all can.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

26- A: Have you been swimming? B: Yes, I have.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

27- Some were laughing and the other crying.

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

28- A: When did John arrive? B: Yesterday.

(John arrived yesterday)

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

29- The ring is missing. I wonder what else.

(I wonder what else of my things is missing)

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

30- What have you been doing? B: Swimming.

(I have been swimming)

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

31- A: Did you know about this matter? B: Yes.

(Yes, I knew about this matter)

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

31- A: How did they break in? B: I'll show you how.

(I'll show you how they broke in)

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

32- A: England won the cup. B: Who told you?

(Who told you that England won the cup?)

a) Nominal b) Verbal c) Clausal

33- A: Is it Tuesday today? B: I don't know.

(I don't know if it is Tuesday today)

- a) Nominal b) Verbal **c) Clausal**

34- A: Are you coming back today? B: This evening.

(I'm coming back today this evening)

- a) Nominal b) Verbal **c) Clausal**

35- A: Who could break those steel windows? B: I can't imagine who

(I can't imagine who could break those steel windows)

- a) Nominal b) Verbal **c) Clausal**

E) Identify the function of Adjacency Pairs:

36- A: I really like your new haircut! B: Oh, thanks.

- a) Compliment / Acceptance b) Compliment / Refusal
- c) Compliment / Refusal d) Information / Acknowledgement

37- A: I really like your new hair colour!

B: Oh, you're just saying that... I don't believe you.

- a) Compliment / Acceptance **b) Compliment / Refusal**
c) Compliment / Refusal d) Information / Acknowledgement

38- A: Your phone is over there. B: Oh, yes.

- a) Compliment / Acceptance b) Compliment / Refusal
- c) Compliment / Refusal **d) Information / Acknowledgement**

39- A: Hiya! B: Oh, hi!

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Offer / Acceptance

c) Offer / Refusal

d) Question / Answer

40- A: Would you like to visit the museum with me this evening?

B: I'd love to!

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Offer / Acceptance

c) Offer / Refusal

d) Question / Answer

41- A: Would you like to visit the museum with me this evening?

B: Sorry, I can't make it.

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Offer / Acceptance

c) Offer / Refusal

d) Question / Answer

42- A: What does this big red button do?

B: It causes two-thirds of the universe to implode.

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Offer / Acceptance

c) Offer / Refusal

d) Question / Answer

43- A: Is it OK if I borrow this book?

B: I'd rather you didn't, it's due back at the library tomorrow.

a) Request / Rejection

b) Summons / Answer

c) Accusation / Denial

d) Assertion / Disagreement

44- A: Joe! B: Joe: Sir?

a) Request / Rejection

b) Summons / Answer

c) Accusation / Denial

d) Assertion / Disagreement

45- A: Look! Look what you made me do!

B: I made you do? I made you do? I wasn't near you.

a) Request / Rejection

b) Summons / Answer

c) Accusation / Denial

d) Assertion / Disagreement

46- A: You scared her when you yelled. It was funny.

B: It was not yelling. I was warming up my voice. It was a voice exercise.

a) Request / Rejection

b) Summons / Answer

c) Accusation / Denial

d) Assertion / Disagreement

47- A: Hello. B: Hi.

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Summons / Answer

c) Complaint / Denial

d) Complaint / Apology

48- A: Jimmy! B: Coming, mother.

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Summons / Answer

c) Complaint / Denial

d) Complaint / Apology

49- A: The room is a mess! B: I was out!

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Summons / Answer

c) Complaint / Denial

d) Complaint / Apology

50- A: It's ten minutes past the hour?

B: I'm sorry, my car broke down.

a) Greeting / Greeting

b) Summons / Answer

c) Complaint / Denial

d) Complaint / Apology

51- A: When is the bus arriving? B: In ten minutes.

- a) Question / Answer
- b) Request for information / Grant
- c) Offer / Acceptance
- d) Both a and b**

52- A: Do you need help with that? B: Definitely!

- a) Offer / Rejection
- b) Offer / Acceptance**
- c) Question / Answer
- d) Request / Grant

53- A: Chocolate? B: I'm on a diet, thanks.

- a) Offer / Rejection**
- b) Offer / Acceptance
- c) Question / Answer
- d) Request / Grant

54- A: Well, I have some stuff to do now.

B: Oh, before you go, what time do you want to meet tomorrow?

- a) Offer / Rejection
- b) Offer / Acceptance
- c) Degreeting / Degreeting**
- d) Request / Grant

55- A: Can I have some sugar? B: Sure.

- a) Offer / Rejection
- b) Offer / Acceptance
- c) Question / Answer
- d) Request / Grant**

F) Identify the function of Discourse Markers:

56- **Also**, we need to optimize the site's speed.

- a) Adding**
- b) Hesitation
- c) Summarizing
- d) Surprise

57- **So**... what needs to be done before that time?

- a) Adding
- b) Hesitation**
- c) Summarizing
- d) Surprise

58- **Okay**, then you want all the details settled by Wednesday midnight.

- a) Adding b) Hesitation **c) Summarizing** d) Surprise

59- **Wow**! So soon?

- a) Adding b) Hesitation c) Summarizing **d) Surprise**

60- **OK**, I'll do the database.

- a) My turn to speak **b) Acceptance**
c) Conceding d) Grabbing attention

61- **So**! What you are saying is that we have to have everything ready by then.

- a) My turn to speak b) Acceptance
c) Grabbing attention **d) Both a and c**

62- **Admittedly**, he thinks it's better to be ready before the weekend.

- a) My turn to speak b) Acceptance
c) Conceding d) Grabbing attention

G) Choose the correct Discourse Marker:

63- nurses are overworked and underpaid.

- a) In particular **b) Broadly speaking** c) For instance d) Except for

64- I don't believe in ghosts. I haven't seen one yet.

- a) Thus **b) At least** c) In other words d) That is to say

65- I think he should be acquitted. he is too young to know the difference between right and wrong.

- a) After all** b) Well c) Honestly d) I suppose

66- The man was sleeping soundly on the river bank. a crocodile was creeping closer.

- a) Despite this b) As a result **c) Meanwhile** d) By contrast

67- The child didn't get any medical attention., she died soon after.

- a) Despite this **b) As a result** c) In this case d) In spite of this

H) Which of the maxims is flouted? Is it intentional or unintentional:

68- A: "Would you like to go out with Beatrice?"

B: "Is the Pope Catholic?"

- a) Relevance / Intentional** b) Manner / Intentional
c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

69- A: "So tell me, do you like what I did to my hair?"

B: "Er . . . what's on TV tonight?"

- a) Relevance / Intentional** b) Manner / Intentional
c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

70- A: "Would you like to hear my rendition of 'Feelings'?"

B: "Yes, of course. I'd love to." *it's actually the last thing you want to hear]

- a) Relevance / Intentional b) Manner / Intentional
c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

71- A: "Tony is one of the cheapest people I know."

B: "Yeah, he's someone who never parts with a dime"

- a) Relevance / Intentional b) Manner / Intentional
c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

72- A: "How are your son and daughter doing?"

B: "Cindy is in her second year of med school—she's doing fine."

(Silence follows)

a) Relevance / Intentional

b) Manner / Intentional

c) Quality / Intentional

d) Quantity / Intentional

73- A: I might win the lottery.

B: Yes, and pigs might fly.

a) Relevance / Intentional

b) Manner / Intentional

c) Quality / Intentional

d) Both a and c

74- A: "You're soaked! It must be raining pretty hard outside."

B: "You're a regular Sherlock Holmes."

a) Relevance / Intentional

b) Manner / Intentional

c) Quality / Intentional

d) Both a and c

75- A: "Hmmm, I thought I left my watch in my desk drawer before I left for Spring Break."

B: "Well I definitely didn't take it. Absolutely not. There's no way I would take someone else's property. Besides, I already have my own watch. And I would never steal from someone, never."

a) Relevance / Intentional

b) Manner / Intentional

c) Quality / Unintentional

d) Quantity / Unintentional

76- A: "I wonder why Dave didn't answer the phone. I know he's home." B: "ER is on."

a) Relevance / Intentional

b) Manner / Intentional

c) Quality / Intentional

d) Quantity / Intentional

77- A: "Let's stop and get something to eat. The kids must be hungry."
B: "Okay, but not M-C-D-O-N-A-L-D-S."

- a) Relevance / Intentional b) Manner / Intentional
- c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

78- A: "Hey, Kenny! What are you reading?"
B: "A book." (Abrupt silence)

- a) Relevance / Intentional b) Manner / Intentional
- c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

79*- A: "Kathy's cooking tonight."
B: "Better stock up on Alka Seltzer."

- a) Relevance / Intentional b) Manner / Intentional
- c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

80- A: "So here we are—look up. That's the Sear's tower."
B: "That's an awfully small building!"

- a) Relevance / Intentional b) Manner / Intentional
- c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Intentional

81- A: "So what color are you painting your house?"
B: "The walls are going to be off-white to contrast with the black sofa and Regency armchairs that I inherited from my great-aunt. Then the trim will be peach except near the door, which Alice said should be salmon because otherwise it will clash with the yellow, black, and red Picasso print that I brought back from Spain and the stairway leading to the bedrooms will be a pale yellow . . ."

- a) Relevance / Unintentional b) Manner / Intentional
- c) Quality / Intentional d) Quantity / Unintentional