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COURSE CODE: TEJS 213

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS

Instruction: Answer all questions in Section A and any three questions in Section B.

Time: 2 hours

SECTION A

[25 Marks]

Answer all the questions in this section.

1. Which of the following concepts is referred to as “referential” meaning?

- A. Affective
- B. Collocated
- C. Denotation
- D. Associative

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2. The meaning derived from the ordering of words in any discourse is _____.
A. Affective
B. Denotation
C. Stylistic
D. Thematic
3. Words used to reduce the rather strong effect on people in a public gathering are _____.
A. Affections
B. Euphemisms
C. Allusions
D. Alternatives
4. Our leader is to be feared. He is actually "snake under grace". The expression conveys _____. meaning.
A. Connotations
B. Collocated
C. Referential
D. Affective
5. The emotive meaning suggested by the use of a word is as a result of _____.
A. Denotation
B. Connotation
C. Narration
D. Polysemy
6. The denotation meaning of a word is entered into the dictionary only once because _____.
A. Peripheral
B. Associative
C. Scientific
D. Emotive
7. The meaning derived from a speaker's tone of voice is _____. meaning.
A. Reflected
B. Stylistics
C. Collocative
D. Affective

8. The meaning of a word is best understood as a result of the other words it is matched with. This situation is known as _____.

- A. Connotation
- B. Association
- C. Collocation
- D. Denotation

9. Which of the following is not a permanent feature of style?

- A. Status
- B. Dialect
- C. Individuality
- D. Time

10. A reason for the abundance of synonyms in English is as a result of _____.

- A. Dialect
- B. Borrowing
- C. Context
- D. Connotation

11. A relationship that exists between two or more words such that they are said to be similar in meaning is _____.

- A. Homonymy
- B. Synonymy
- C. Antonyms
- D. Polysemy

12. Related meanings of a single word is an example of _____.

- A. Homonymy
- B. Synonymy
- C. Antonyms
- D. Polysemy

13. A pair of words which should contradiction are _____.

- A. Polysemy
- B. Antonyms
- C. Homophones
- D. Synonyms.

14. Two or more words which have the same spelling and same pronunciation but different meanings are _____.
A. Synonyms
B. Homonyms
C. Antonyms
D. Polysemes
15. The word "stroll" collocates with which of the following words _____.
A. Insects
B. Humans
C. Animals
D. Plants
16. Which word among the list does not collocate with "baby"?
A. Elegant
B. Beautiful
C. Pretty
D. Handsome
17. Which of the following features will be considered in entering the word "sheep" into the dictionary?
A. + human + adult + male
B. - human + adult- male
C. - human + adult + male
D. + human + adult +/- male
18. Which of the following sentences provides the literal meaning of the word "wolf"?
A. A wolf is an animal in the bush.
B. A wolf is a secretive person.
C. A wolf is a lousy person.
D. Any person who behaves like a wolf
19. "Import" a verb and "import" a noun illustrates a good example of _____.
A. Synonyms
B. homophones
C. homographs
D. Antonyms

20. Ambiguity is a situation in language where a statement is _____.
- A. Vagueness of meaning
 - B. Logicality of meaning
 - C. Validity of meaning
 - D. Abundance of meaning

21. The following are examples of ambiguity except _____ ambiguity.
- A. Morphological
 - B. Lexical
 - C. Structural
 - D. Phonological

22. Which type of ambiguity is found in the expression “I have lost my sight”?
- A. Lexical
 - B. Morphological
 - C. Phonological
 - D. Structural

23. Which sentence clears the ambiguity in the sentence “Issah says Edem is serious student “?”
- A. Issah says, Edem is serious student.
 - B. Issah, says Edem, is a serious student
 - C. “Issah”, says Edem “is a serious student”
 - D. Issah says, “Edem”, is a serious student.

24. Estella is a beautiful girl and Eric is a handsome gentleman. The underlined words convey what type meaning?
- A. Grammatical
 - B. Reflected
 - C. Collocative
 - D. Connotative

25. She left Ho for Amedzofe. The semantic role of the underlined word is _____?
- A. Location
 - B. Source
 - C. Goal
 - D. External cause

SECTION B
[75 MARKS]

Answer any **three** questions in this section.

- 1a. With relevant examples, differentiate between denotative meaning and context in meaning.
b. Discuss any three features of the denotative meaning. [25 marks]

2. Differentiate between the following concepts: [25 marks]
 - a. Affective meaning and reflected meaning.
 - b. Connotative meaning and collocative meaning.
 - c. Thematic meaning and sentence meaning.

- 3a. Which three reasons account for the absence of absolute synonyms. [25 marks]
b. Discuss any two reasons for the existence of cognitive synonyms.

- 4a. What is ambiguity?
b. Using practical examples, discuss three types of ambiguity.

5. Critically examine any five (5) types/kinds of associative meaning. [25marks]