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COURSE CODE: TJS 213

COURSE TITLE: SEMANTICS

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*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. Miss Abla just returned from Accra and she is leaving for Tamale immediately.  
Identify the goal of Miss Abla.
  - A. Abla
  - B. Accra
  - C. Tamale
  - D. She

2. Two synonymous words can replace each other irrespective of the context.  
A. False  
B. True
3. In semantics, the various meaning connections that exist between words are collectively referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. connotation  
B. sense relations  
C. semantic change  
D. presupposition
4. Ambiguity can be resolved non-linguistically through \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. co-text  
B. context  
C. in-text  
D. authentic text
5. An agent is always + animate.  
A. False  
B. True
6. A passive sentence could be a/ an \_\_\_\_\_ of an active sentence in semantics.  
A. contradiction  
B. tautology  
C. emphasis  
D. paraphrase
7. A pair of words that are the same in terms of spelling are said to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. homographs  
B. homophones  
C. homonyms  
D. co-hyponyms
8. A situation in which a word or an expression can be interpreted in two more ways is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. vagueness  
B. absurdity  
C. abnormality  
D. ambiguity

9. Compositional analysis is used to identify \_\_\_\_\_ meaning in semantics

- A. connative
- B. reflected
- C. denotative
- D. figurative

10. The statement 'Knock is human' entails 'Knock is a man'.

- A. False
- B. True

11. The object denoted by a linguistic expression in the real world is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. referent
- B. reference
- C. sense
- D. preference

12. The scientific study of meaning in general including word symbols, paintings, signs etc is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. syntax
- B. semiotics
- C. semantics
- D. pragmatics

13. The physical manifestation of a sentence that can be attributed to a specific person at a particular time, location and on an occasion can be best described as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. speech
- B. orals
- C. proposition
- D. utterance

14. The meaning made from tense, number and possessive inflections is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. connative
- B. denotative
- C. grammatical
- D. reflective

15. The meaning relationship that exists between the words *astonish* and *amuse* is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. antonymy
- B. homonymy
- C. synonymy
- D. metonymy

16. Margaret calls Lamontey a *goat* because she usually finds him in the company of ladies. What meaning do you make from this?

- A. Lexical
- B. Literal
- C. Grammatical
- D. Non-literal

17. These words: *the*, *and*, *on*, *his* are examples of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. function words
- B. content words
- C. open class items
- D. Prepositions

18. The words *sea* and *see* are examples of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Polysems
- B. Homophones
- C. Hyponyms
- D. Hypernyms

19. The sense relation between or among words which have different but related meanings is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. homonymy
- B. hyponymy
- C. synonymy
- D. polysemy

20. Mango, pineapple, apple and orange are \_\_\_\_\_ of the general term fruit.

- A. hypernyms
- B. hyponyms
- C. polysemes
- D. superdinate

21. Big and bigger are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ antonyms.

- A. reversible
- B. binary
- C. relational
- D. gradable

22. The semantic change where a word comes to acquire certain pleasant connotations that it did not originally have is known as \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. denotation
- B. extension
- C. amelioration
- D. theme

23. I see the man every day. The semantic role played by the subject "I" in the sentence is the
- A. instrument
  - B. source
  - C. affected
  - D. experiencer

24. Muritala is a handsome man and Dakili is a pretty lady. The underlined words convey what type meaning?
- A. Grammatical
  - B. Reflected
  - C. Collocative
  - D. Connotative

25. He left Accra for Kumasi. The semantic role of the underlined word is \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. location
  - B. source
  - C. goal
  - D. external causer

#### SECTION B

[75 MARKS]

Answer any three questions in this section.

1. a. What is Semantics?  
[5marks]
- b. Differentiate between the following concepts in Semantics:  
[5marks]  
c. Denotative meaning and connotative meaning  
[5marks]  
d. Sentence meaning and utterance meaning  
[5marks]  
e. Semantic relations and semantic roles  
[5marks]
2. a. Briefly explain the relationship between semantics and syntax.  
[5marks]
- b. Examine any four (4) importance of studying English semantics as a student teacher and indicate the implications they may have on your professional practice. [20 marks]

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3. Critically examine any five (5) types/kinds of associative meaning. [25 marks]
4. a. Differentiate between lexical ambiguity and structural ambiguity. [5marks]  
b. With relevant examples, explain any three (3) causes of ambiguity. [15marks]
- c. Re-write the following sentences to resolve the ambiguity they convey. [5marks]
- i. Students who read always perform well.
  - ii. I saw a man with a telescope.
  - iii. They are hunting dogs.
  - iv. The headteacher says the teacher is lazy.
  - v. A disa has bought a pen.
- [25 marks] [5 marks]
5. a. With clear examples, distinguish between linguistic context and situational context. [5marks]  
b. Discuss any five functions of context in meaning. [20 marks]
- [25 marks]