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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS FOUR [4] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer ALL FOUR [4] questions.

1. "... The sense of an expression is the whole set of sense relations it contracts with other expressions in the language." Given this, discuss the sense(s) of each of the words/phrases listed below and the sense relations it has, if any, with the other words.

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| [a] steal | [b] tail |
| [c] give | [d] rob |
| [e] cook an egg | [f] boil an egg |
| [g] duck | [h] take |

Clarify your answer by defining the sense relation(s) involved in each case and by providing clear examples.

Note: The words listed are not in any particular order.

[30 marks]

2. Define perlocution and illocution. Then consider the following utterances.

- [a] Hotel reception clerk to customer "You'll find the guide books sold at the shop quite useful".
- [b] Boy to his sister "Stop it! I will tear up your stupid doll into pieces if you don't stop calling me a baby".

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[c] Teenager to his friend "You took my bike".

[d] Bride's former boyfriend to newlyweds at their wedding reception "To the happy couple".

Discuss the illocution and two possible perlocution of each utterance.

[20 marks]

3. Write brief notes on the following semantic concepts/terms. Provide examples to support and clarify your answer:

[a] Generic sentences/statements

[b] Prototype

[c] Proposition

[d] Multiple Incompatibility

[e] Felicity condition

[25 marks]

4. Discuss Leech's concept of five [5] functions of language, including definitions, examples and inter-relationships of each term.

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