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HET 311 – Semantics

Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

There are SIX questions altogether. Answer FOUR questions.
Each question carries 25 marks.

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1. Discuss Leech's concept of FIVE functions of language including definitions, examples and the inter-relationship of each term.
2. "The essence of metaphor is understanding and experiencing one kind of thing in terms of another" (Lakoff and Johnson, 1980). Discuss this statement with regard to the conceptual metaphor TIME IS MONEY.
3. Discuss the relationships that exist between sense, extension, prototype and stereotype. Include definitions and examples.
4. How do the concepts of deixis, context of utterance, universe of discourse and definiteness contribute towards the understanding of linguistic meaning? Discuss.
5. Give an example and explain each of the following:
 - [a] a converse relationship
 - [b] an analytic sentence
 - [c] structural ambiguity
 - [d] a polysemous word
 - [e] an opaque context
6. Compare and contrast the following:
 - [a] Sincerity condition and felicity condition
 - [b] Directive act and commissive act
 - [c] Entailment and implicature

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