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ENG2157 – Semantics and Pragmatics

4-hour written exam without supervision, December 6 at 09:00.

Practical information about the examination

Answer Part I, ONE question from Part II, and ONE question from Part III.

Part I carries 20% of the overall mark.

Part II carries 40% of the overall mark.

Part III carries 40% of the overall mark.

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Part II carries 40% of the overall mark.

Answer ONE question from this part.

QUESTION 1

- a. Define these situation types, illustrating each with an example: state, activity, accomplishment, achievement, semelfactive

- b. Categorise each of the following into one of the situation types you set out in (a), explaining how linguistic tests provide evidence for your classifications.
 - i. Alma dropped a cup.
 - ii. Ben learned Korean.
 - iii. Catherine walked in the mountains.
 - iv. Catherine loves walking.
 - v. The paint dried.

OR

QUESTION 2

- a. What is meant by the 'arity' (or 'degree') of a predicate? What arities are seen in human natural languages such as English? Give examples.

- b. Translate the following sentences into predicate logic, analyzing in as much detail as possible, and ignoring tense, and giving a key for each one. For example if the sentence were 'Bart does not like Milhouse', your answer should be something like: $\neg \text{LIKE}(b, m)$ (where $\text{LIKE}(x, y) = x$ likes y ; $b = \text{Bart}$; $m = \text{Milhouse}$)
 - i. Claire doesn't snore.
 - ii. Alma is taller than Ben.
 - iii. Ben admires Alma and Claire.
 - iv. Claire lives in Sandefjord or Tønsberg.
 - v. Not everything is valuable.
 - vi. No one saw Claire.
 - vii. Every student reads Saeed.

2 Part II: answer here

Remember: answer only ONE question in this part!

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Part III carries 40% of the overall mark.

Answer ONE question from this part.

QUESTION 1

- a. Explain the following terms from lexical pragmatics, giving examples: broadening and narrowing; established and novel senses; loose use, hyperbole and metaphor
- b. Analyse the following utterances, using terms discussed in (a):

i. Ben's trying to give up drinking.

ii. Alma's little brother is a pig.

iii. This suitcase weighs a ton!

OR

QUESTION 2

a) Explain the following terms from Grice's theory of conversation: conversational implicature, Cooperative Principle, conversational maxim.

b) Explain how they may be applied to the examples below.

i. Ben's dad: Have you done your homework?

Ben: I've washed the dishes.

ii. Ben: Was there a pianist at the restaurant last night?

Alma: Well, there was a man repeatedly hitting the keys with his fingers.

iii. Claire: Who finished the biscuits?

Alma: Someone did. [In fact, Alma ate them.]

3 Part III: answer here

Remember to answer only ONE question in this part

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