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SECOND OPPORTUNITY/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer all the questions.
2. Write clearly and neatly.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Examination paper
2. Examination script

Answer ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1   **Total Marks [33]**

1.1)   With one example each, define the following terms:

     a) Homonymy   [3]

     b) Polysemy   [3]

     c) Hypernym   [3]

     d) Synonym   [3]

     e) Antonym   [3]

1.2)   Find four hyponyms for each of the following hypernyms (superordinates):

     a) Vehicle: ....   [4]

     b) Furniture: ....   [4]

     c) Clothing: ....   [4]

1.3) What is the relation between the following pairs of words?

     a) Shallow – deep   [1]

     b) Mature – ripe   [1]

     c) Suite – suite   [1]

     d) Table- furniture   [1]

     e) Move – run   [1]

     f) Married – single   [1]

Question 2   **Total Marks [23]**

2.1) Draw tree diagrams to show the semantic relation between the following groups of words.

    a) Tea, black coffee, coffee, milk, white coffee, beverage [6]

    b) Lavender, red, crimson, blue, color, green, violet, purple [8]

    c) Creature, animal, boabab, horse, plant, vegetable, dog, insect, tree [9]

Question 3   **Total Marks [6]**

3.1 The following sentences are syntactically correct but semantically wrong. Briefly discuss why these sentences are semantically incorrectly.

    a) The hamburger ate the man.   [2]

    b) My cat studies linguistics.   [2]

    c) The table listens to the radion.   [2]

Question 4   **Total Marks [12]**

Use binary (+ or −) to complete the table. *Re-draw the table in your exam booklet.*

	table	horse	boy	man	girl	woman
animate						
human						
female						
adult						

Question 5   **Total Marks [26]**

Drawing from what you learnt in the course, discuss the statement below:

"Language without meaning is meaningless"

Total marks 100

End of Question Paper