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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
1. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Write clearly and neatly.
3. Number the answers clearly.

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Answer ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1   **Total Marks [19]**

1.1 With one example each, define the following terms:

   a) Semantic role   [2]

   b) Polysemy   [2]

   c) Hypernym   [2]

   d) Patient   [2]

   e) Experiencer   [2]

                                                                         [10]

1.2 What is the semantic relation between the following pairs of words?

   a) salt – pepper   .   [1]

   b) single - married   [1]

   c) table – furniture   [1]

   d) weak - week   [1]

                                                                          [4]

1.3 The following verbs tend to occur with some nouns. Match these verbs and nouns:

Verb	Noun	
reach	attention	[1]
launch	a missile	[1]
pay	a need	[1]
take	an agreement	[1]
meet	a photograph	[1]

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Question 2   **Total Marks [20]**

2.1) The following words have more than one meaning.

(A) Provide the **two** meanings of the words.
(B) For **each** meaning, give a clear example- sentence.

    a)   run   [4]

    b)   bank   [4]

    c)   must   [4]

    d)   bright   [4]

    e)   old   [4]

Question 3   **Total Marks [7]**

3.) With **a pencil**, illustrate by drawing a tree diagram to show the lexical relation of the hyponymy given below.

    i)   vegetable, dog, pine, living things, insect, horse, plant, creature, rose, cabbage, flower, animal, cockroach, tree

Question 4   **Total Marks [12]**

Use binary (+ or −) to complete the table below to indicate the componential anaysis. Re-draw the table in your answer booklet.

	table	horse	boy	man	girl	woman
animate						
human						
female						
adult						

Question 5   **Total marks [8]**

Identify the semantic roles (theme, agent, experiencer, instrument, goal or source) for each of the underlined word.

   a) John is writing with a pen.   [1]

   b) Mary saw a mosquito on the wall.   [1]

   c) The children ran from the playground to the pool.   [1]

   d) The boy opened the door with a key.   [1]

   e) Lucretia left the room.   [1]

   f) Percival heard the airplane.   [1]

Question 6   **Total marks [14]**

6.1)   Briefly discuss how children acquire semantics.   [14]

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Format [3]

Question 7   **Total marks [20]**

7.1)   Discuss the following Roman Jakobson's five functions of language:

   • Referential   [4]

   • Poetic   [4]

   • Expressive   [4]

   • Conative   [4]

   • Phatic   [4]

                                                    Total marks 100
                              End of Examination