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FIRST OPPORTUNITY 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 [37]

1.1) With one example each, define the following terms [15]:

- 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) [12]:

- a) Vehicle: [4]
- b) Furniture: [4]
- c) Clothing: [4]

1.3) Which homonyms have the following meaning? [10]

- a) Angry/the symbol of the Christian religion. [2]
- b) A traffic hold-up/a fruit spread [2]
- c) The outer skin of a tree/the noise made by a dog. [2]
- d) An upright piece of wood/to email a letter. [2]
- e) A type of aircraft/to shave and smooth a piece of wood. [2]

Question 2**Total Marks [12]**

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 [3]
- b) Lavender, red, crimson, blue, color, green, violet, purple [4]
- c) Creature, animal, baobab, horse, plant, vegetable, dog, insect, tree [5]

Question 3**Total Marks [6]**

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

- a) The tree was talking to the birds. [2]
- b) My pet dog reads English. [2]
- c) The gate runs away. [2]

Question 4**Total Marks [14]**

4.1) Identify the underlined semantic roles displayed in the sentences below, then put them in the table with the appropriate heading. Draw the table in your booklet.

- a) The knife opened the box. [2]
- b) She opened the door. [2]
- c) Mark hit John. [2]
- d) Saara saw the aeroplane with her binoculars. [2]
- e) Anna gave Penny a drink. [2]
- f) She bought these roses for her mother. [2]
- g) The computer was hacked apart by an axe. [2]

Agent	Theme/patient	Experiencer	Beneficiary.recipient	Instrument

Question 5

Total Marks [31]

In a well structured essay of 450-500 words, discuss how children acquire semantics.

Content [26]

Structure [5]

Total marks 100

End of Question Paper