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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 15]**

1.1) Find a hypernym for each of the following groups of hyponyms: **[6]**

    a) Daisy, primrose, clover, pansy, poppy   [2]

    b) Bug, fly, moth, ant, bee, beetle   [2]

    c) Pea, beans, cabbage, onion, cauliflower   [2]

1.2) Find a synonym of the following words: **[4]**

    a) To die   [1]

    b) Father   [1]

    c) to go in   [1]

    d) feline   [1]

1.3) Find a superordinate (hypernym) for each of the following groups of hyponyms **[5]**:

    a) pea, beans, cabbage, onion, cauliflower: …………   [1]

    b) clover, pansy, daisy, primrose   : ……………..   [1]

    c) bug, fly, moth, ant, bee, beetle: …………..   [1]

    d) dog, cat, fish, plant: …………………..   [1]

    e) pen, pecil, eraser, book: ……………..   [1]

Question 2   **[Total Marks 8]**

2.1) Give **two** examples of lexical and structural (sentence) ambiguous sentences. For **each** ambiguous sentence explain why it is ambiguous.

    a) Lexical ambiguity   [4]

b) Structural (sentence) ambiguity [4]

2.2) Use binary (+ or −) to complete the table. *Re-draw the table in your exam booklet.*
[Total Marks 12]

	table	horse	boy	man	girl	woman
animate						
human						
female						
adult	.					

Question 3 **[Total Marks 8]**

3.1) Illustrate by drawing a tree diagram to show the semantic relation of the hyponymy given below.

a) bug, dog, animal, insect, fish, bird, flea, eagle, eel, parrot, hound, living things, elephant, terrier

Question 4 **[Total Marks 25]**

Choose any **FOUR** of the functions of communication listed below and briefly discuss each. Provide *an example* for each.

a) The context or referential function [5]

b) The poetic function [5]

c) The emotive or expressive function [5]

d) The phatic function [5]

e) The metalinguistic function [5]

Question 5   **[Total Marks 32]**

In a well structured essay of 350-500 words, discuss how semantics differs from other branches of linguistics such as Morphology, Phonology, and Syntax.

Content [27]
Structure [5]

Total marks for exam 100

End of Question Paper