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- (b) A speaker does not necessarily mean what his utterance means. Justify this claim using clear examples. (5 Marks)
- (c) Explain with illustrations the difference between the following sense relations:
  - (i) homonymy and polysemy,
  - (ii) antonymy and homonymy (8 Marks)
- (d) Supporting your answer with examples, explain the importance of componential analysis in the study of meaning (7 Marks)
2. "When conversationalists flout Maxims they do this for a reason".  
Explain this statement with close reference to any FOUR of Grice's maxims of conversation. (20 Marks)
3. Different kinds of meaning are encoded in the world's natural languages. Explain and illustrate any five kinds of meaning (20 Marks)
4. (a) Explain how reference and deixis support meaning (10 Marks)
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