

MIDTERM TEST

1. State the relationship between the underlined words in the following sentence, “*He swung the bat and hit a bat.*”
2. Give the figurative meaning of the following sentence, “*The exam was a piece of cake.*”
3. Give two presuppositions for the following sentence, “*I managed to win the contest.*”
4. Give the implicature for the following conversation:
Mai: *Is Nam a good boy?*
Bình: *He’s very handsome.*
5. State the relationship between the underlined words in the following sentence, “*I am clearly content with this clear content.*”
6. Give the figure of speech used in the following sentence, “*The car ran very fast and caused a serious accident.*”
7. Give two presuppositions for the following sentence, “*Why didn’t you do your homework?*”
8. Give the implicature for the following conversation:
Ann: *Can you tell me what time it is?*

John: *I never use a watch.*

9. If we are talking about a situation in which John is standing alone in the corner, does the word “John” refer to the same referent as *the person in the corner*?

10. Indicate the relationships between the following pair of words: *tool* and *saw*.

11. Imagine two different everyday situations in which separate couples are having separate conversations about what they refer to with the phrase *the Morning Star*. Would they be talking about the same object (i.e. does the Morning Star normally have constant reference)?

12. Write the entailment for the following sentence, “*He stole something.*”

13. Explain the semantic ambiguity in the following sentence by giving two sentences with similar meanings to the original sentence, but different ones from each other, “*Lan gave her dog food.*” (Note: Use active voice only.)

14. In the following situation, what indirect illocutionary act is carried out by the utterance: A teacher of English says to one of his intermediate-level student in a speaking class, “*Can you speak English*”?

- 15.State if the following statement is true or false, “*Every expression which has meaning has sense, but not every expression has reference*”.
- 16.Give the paraphrase for the following sentence: *John told me, “I met Mary yesterday.”*
- 17.Is the following sentence analytic, synthetic, or contradictory, “*My father is a spinster*”?
- 18.State if the following statement is true or false: *A directive illocutionary act is any illocutionary act which essentially involves the speaker trying to get the hearer to behave in some required way.*
- 19.In the following situation, what indirect illocutionary act is carried out by the utterance:
A teacher who is teaching English in his class says to his students: “*Your English is very good*”?
- 20.Fill the missing word in the blank of the following sentence, “*A/An _____ is that part of the meaning of the utterance of a declarative sentence which describes some state of affairs.*”