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## Ans to the Qus no-1

① Types of Semantics rules with Example.

**Formal Semantics:** It is the study of the relationship between words and meaning from a philosophical angle or a mathematical standpoint. It deals with the truth of utterances and how that truth is determined.

**Lexical Semantics:** Lexical semantics is the most common type of semantics. Particularly in the context of things like metaphor and other literary devices that can change the meanings of



words and phrases. Lexical semantics takes different things into accounts such as context.

**Conceptual Semantics:** Conceptual semantics deals with the dictionary definition of a word before applying any context to the word. It studies the concepts with which the words are connected to. It studies how meanings change over time. These are all the things studied in conceptual semantics.

semantics are used in literature commonly in areas where words can take on a literal or figurative

meaning. The best way to determine a literal or figurative language is to look at the context of a word or phrase being used in a given instance. Semantics is the "study of meaning system in language." Language is systematic in nature if the meaning is a system.

⑧ Traditional grammar is made up of four basic types of sentence structures: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex.

The grammatical structure of an English sentence is the



arrangement of words, phrases and clauses. In general, it is dependent on the structure of the syntax. The four basic types of sentence structure and grammar will be easier to understand if you know them well. Simple sentences are those with only one independent clause and no dependent clause in the grammar structure. Compound sentences, like simple sentences, are at least twice as complex as a single sentence.

It is critical to understand the compound-complex grammatical structure of English to improve your writing skills. It's one thing to know how to make correct English sentences, but it's quite another to use them correctly in writing. Anyone can learn everything and get used to proper grammatical structure. If they practice consistently.



© Conceptual meaning covers those basic, essential components of meaning that are conveyed by the literal use of a word. It is the type of meaning that dictionaries are designed to describe. Some of the basic components of a word like "needle" in English might include 'thin, sharp, steel instrument.' These components would be part of the conceptual meaning of needle. However, different people might have different associations or connotations attached to a word like 'needle'.

They might associate it with 'pain' or 'illness' and these associations may differ from one person to the next.

These types of associations are not treated as part of the word's conceptual meaning.

Ans to the qus no-2

① The difference between prosody and suprasegmentals is that "prosody" is the study of rhythm, intonation, stress and related attributes in speech such as length, stress,



tone and phonation type, that extends over more than one segment of sounds.

Prosody informal definition: The music of a language, its characteristic 'melody' and 'rhythm'.

The system of prosodic contrasts that a language employs.

Supra-segmental features: Phonetic features that span more than a single speech segment.

⑧ Structural ambiguity, also known as syntactic ambiguity, occurs when a phrase or sentence has ~~more~~ more than one underlying structure. Such a sentence can be interpreted in more than one way. Given below are some examples of structural ambiguity.