

SEMESTER II
SEMANTICS
Code – B2

Module I

(20+5 Marks)

Some general observations: basic concepts of semantics, pragmatics and their relationship, types of meaning, some important assumptions: sentence, utterance and proposition: reference, sense and denotation; logical relations between propositions: concepts of paraphrase, contradiction, entailment, ambiguity and presupposition; theories of meaning—referential vs. non-referential approaches, generative approach; notions of lexical and structural semantics.

Semantics of words: relationship between form and meaning— lexical sense relations: similarity, opposition and inclusion: componential analysis of meaning, concept of collocation and set; lexical gap and semantic field; linguistic relativity. Colour terms. marked vs. unmarked terms.

Module II

(20+5 Marks)

Introduction to Logical Semantics: Formalisation, Logical Metalanguage; Model-theoretic and Truth-conditional semantics, aspects of truth-conditional meaning and the tools used to analyze them, propositional and predicate calculus: concept of Predicators, Predicate and Arguments, Logical Quantifiers, restriction and scope, Logical Connectives. Semantic categorisation of sentence elements.

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