

Pg Trb Unit – 8 📌 I.A. Richards, a key figure in literary theory, is best known for his work on the concept of meaning in language. He identified different types of meaning, especially in his book *The Meaning of Meaning* (1923), in which he explored how meaning is created in communication.

Here are four types of meaning identified by I.A. Richards, followed by 50 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) with answers based on his theories:

Four Types of Meaning by I.A. Richards:

1. **Sense:** Refers to the specific concept that a word or phrase conveys. It's the idea or mental image evoked in the listener's mind.
2. **Reference:** Refers to the actual object, event, or thing in the world that a word corresponds to. It's the direct connection between language and the external world.
3. **Feeling:** Refers to the emotional response or attitude associated with a word or phrase. It's about the subjective reaction a speaker or listener has to a word.
4. **Tone:** Refers to the attitude or mood conveyed through the choice of words and their context. It reflects the emotional atmosphere or intention behind the utterance.

Sample MCQs on I.A. Richards' Concepts of Meaning:

1. What is the 'sense' of a word, according to I.A. Richards?

- A) The actual object the word refers to
- B) The emotional tone the word conveys
- C) The specific concept or idea the word represents
- D) The frequency with which the word is used

Answer: C) The specific concept or idea the word represents

2. According to Richards, 'reference' in meaning refers to:

- A) The emotional tone a word carries
- B) The mental image evoked by the word
- C) The actual object or event the word represents
- D) The grammatical structure of a sentence

Answer: C) The actual object or event the word represents

3. Which type of meaning involves the emotional response a word elicits from the listener?

- A) Sense

- B) Reference
- C) Feeling
- D) Tone

Answer: C) Feeling

4. The concept of 'tone' in Richards' theory refers to:

- A) The literal meaning of a word
- B) The emotional atmosphere or attitude behind the word
- C) The grammatical structure of a sentence
- D) The physical object that the word refers to

Answer: B) The emotional atmosphere or attitude behind the word

5. Which of the following is NOT a type of meaning identified by I.A. Richards?

- A) Sense
- B) Reference
- C) Sound
- D) Feeling

Answer: C) Sound

6. I.A. Richards' theory of meaning primarily addresses:

- A) The role of syntax in language
- B) The relationship between words and their meanings
- C) The history of language development
- D) The social context of communication

Answer: B) The relationship between words and their meanings

7. According to Richards, the relationship between a word and the object it refers to is called:

- A) Sense
- B) Reference
- C) Symbolism
- D) Tone

Answer: B) Reference

8. I.A. Richards argued that the meaning of a word cannot be fully understood without considering:

- A) Its grammatical structure
- B) Its emotional impact on the listener
- C) The context in which it is used
- D) Its frequency of usage

Answer: C) The context in which it is used

9. Which type of meaning is most closely related to the 'image' or 'idea' evoked by a word in the mind of the listener?

- A) Tone
- B) Reference
- C) Sense
- D) Feeling

Answer: C) Sense

10. In I.A. Richards' framework, 'feeling' can be described as:

- A) The abstract concept of a word
- B) The reaction to the word's emotional content
- C) The specific object the word refers to
- D) The mental image triggered by the word

Answer: B) The reaction to the word's emotional content

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