Pg Trb Unit -8 
ightharpoonup 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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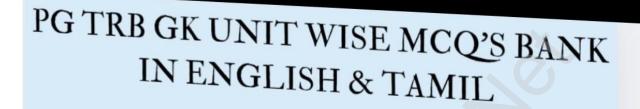


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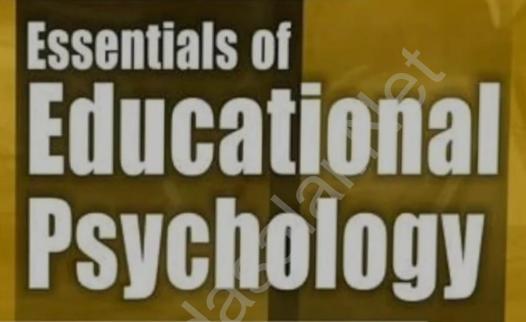


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