

**LIN1280 PRAGMATICS**  
End of Unit Examination

**Time: 1 hr.**

Attempt **all** questions.

Give **brief** but **complete** answers.

Organise your **time** in proportion to the **marks** allotted to each question.

1. Underline the word or phrase that best completes the following:  
**(20 marks / 10 minutes)**

1.1 An utterance that contains deictic terms to distinguish proximal trees from distant trees makes use of (person, spatial, temporal, social) deixis.

1.2 A writer who is observing Leech's Approbation maxim (minimises benefit to self, maximises dispraise of self, minimises benefit to self, maximises praise of other).

1.3 Austin's Speech Act Theory is a response to (Grice's Theory of Implicatures, pragmatic theory based on deixis, Logical Positivism, psycholinguistics)

1.4 Thomas views pragmatics as principally a matter of (meaning in interaction, utterance interpretation, resolving structural ambiguity, sentence meaning).

1.5 An example of an act that threatens a hearer's positive face is:

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2. Using examples, distinguish between discourse deixis and social deixis.  
**(20 marks / 10 minutes)**

3. What is a face-threatening act (FTA)? According to Brown and Levinson what options are available to speakers in relation to FTAs?  
**(25 marks / 12 minutes)**

4. Answer **ONE** of the following two questions: **(35 marks / 23 minutes)**

4.1 To what extent is it true to say that to speak is to act?

- 4.2 Describe Grice's Co-operative Principle and the related maxims. Illustrating your answer with relevant examples, discuss two different ways in which the maxims might not be observed.