Unit 1 - Semantic Relationships: Exercises - Answers

I. What is the semantic relationship between (or among) the following words? If it is antonymy, specify the type of antonymy.

a) couch : sofa ___SYNONYMY___ i) vehicle : car, truck, SUV, bicycle HYPONYMY

b) awake : asleep ANTONYMY: CONTRADICTORY j) take : grasp, carry, go (a specific way) POLYSEMY

c) stop : go ANTONYMY: RELATIONAL k) I’ll stand (be on my feet) : (resist) here. HOMONYMY

d) strong : weak ANTONYMY: GRADABLE l) do : undo ANTONYMY: RELATIONAL_____

e) (He took the) lead /led/ : lead /liːd/ m) fast : slow ANTONYMY: GRADABLE_____

f) mammal : dog, cat, pig, cow HYPONYMY n) alive : dead ANTONYMY: CONTRADICTORY

g) get : obtain, become, buy. POLYSEMY o) beginning : debut SYNONYMY____________

h) crown : king or queen METONYMY p) I saw the spring (season) : (metal coil) HOMONYMY

II. Say whether the words and expressions below are slang, idioms or metaphors. Additionally, try to guess their meaning(s).

1. My heart began to glow. _METAPHOR_

5. Stop beating around the bush. _IDIOM_________

2. That car is a lemon. ___SLANG___

6. I dig Elton John’s music. _SLANG_____________

3. She walked out on me. __IDIOM___

7. The echoes of my mind. _ METAPHOR _________

4. They’re stoned. ___SLANG___

8. This is not etched in stone. __ IDIOM__________

III. Examine the words underlined and numbered in the text below. Then answer the questions that follow.

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed (1) each morning by eight (2) o’clock, with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly (3) applied, even though she is legally (4) blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently (5) passed (6) away, making the move necessary (7).

After (8) many (9) hours of waiting patiently (10) in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready (11).

As she maneuvered her walker to (12) the elevator (13), I provided a visual description of her tiny (14) room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love (15) it," she stated (16) with the enthusiasm (17) of an eight-year-old having just (18) been presented with a new puppy (19).
1. Give an antonym of this word. ______NAKED / UNDRESSED____________
2. Give a homophone of this word. _______ATE________________________
3. Give an antonym of this word. _______IMPERFECTLY____________________
4. Give an antonym of this word. _______ILLEGALLY_______________________
5. Give an antonym of this word. _______NOT RECENTLY / A LONG TIME AGO________
6. Give a homophone of this word. _______PAST____________________________
7. Give an antonym of this word. _______UNNECESSARY_______________________
8. Give an antonym of this word. _______BEFORE____________________________
9. Give an antonym of this word. _______A FEW______________________________
10. Give an antonym of this word. _______IMPATIENTLY / ANXIOUSLY__________
11. Give an antonym of this word. _______NOT READY_______________________
12. Give a homophone of this word. _______TWO / TOO_______________________
13. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the word lift? _SYNONYMY________
14. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the expression huge? ANTONYMY__
15. Give an antonym of this word. _______HATE / HATRED____________________
16. Give a synonym of this word. _______EXPRESSED________________________
17. Give a synonym of this word. _______EXCITEMENT_______________________
18. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the word just in the following sentence? John is a just person. HOMONYMY
19. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the word dog? HYPONYMY