

Notes in Pragmatics and Semantics

:Main Theories in Pragmatics

J.L. Austin: he stood against the idea that declarative sentences are used to-1 describe, report, inform, or state something and that such sentences could be .proved true or false. He started what is known as Speech Act Theory

John Searle: His main contribution to Pragmatics could be summarized in the-2 .modification and improvement of Austin's theory and efforts

Paul Grice: He was behind the theories of (conversation implicatures) and-3 (cooperative principle) and proposed the four maxims of effective communication

The maxim of relation: be relevant-1

The maxim of quality: be truthful-2

The maxim of quantity: be informative-3

.The maxim of manner: be brief and clear-4

? (Q. Why both semantics and pragmatics are intertwined (connected

:They are both connected because

(They both discuss meaning (since meaning is a matter of usage-1

They are both relevant, interrelated and mutually exclusive-2

They share areas of overlap like (ambiguity, entailment, contradiction,-3
(presupposition, lexical relations

Meaning has no separate existence, it can only be understood as an attribute of-4
.language in use

?Q. What is meant by Pragmatic errors

The pragmatic errors are concerned with the violation of one of the maxims of
Paul Grice