

8.8 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q No 1: a) True b) True c) False

Ans to Q No 2: The concept of Language games indicates the diverse functions of language in different contexts. As for instance, saying some words is making a decision in certain circumstances, again saying a particular sentence would be asserting something, in other words saying those words would be asking etc.

Ans to Q No 3: a) There is not an essential structure of language.

Ans to Q No 4: Blue and Brown Book

Ans to Q No 5: a) True b) False c) True
d)True e)True f) True

Ans to Q No 6: Later Wittgenstein

Ans to Q No 7: The concept of family resemblance is a metaphorical concept. It indicates that just as in a family there are resemblances among the different members of a family, so also there are some similarities found among different games, but there is nothing common among the different games. Therefore, it is clear that Wittgenstein points out that games form a family. Metaphorically, Wittgenstein says that there is not a uniform feature or function of language. In this way, Wittgenstein involves a concept of family resemblance.

Ans to Q No 8: The concept of language games has an affinity to Aristotle's concept of categories. Aristotle holds the view that a statement makes sense only if it belongs to a category. Similarly, Wittgenstein also holds the view that a statement makes sense only by its use in a context.

Ans to Q No 9: The use theory of meaning asserts that meaning is not determined by a picturing relationship between words and things, rather meaning is determined through its use in different contexts by following a rule.

Ans to Q No 10: This is a metaphorical statement of Wittgenstein's later philosophy. Through this saying he holds the view that philosophical problems arise when philosophical concepts go outside the practical situations. As for instance, if you ask, what is good? Then the answer will be problematic, on the other hand, if you ask, is the quality of shirt good? Then the answer will not be complex. Therefore, Wittgenstein holds that the scope of philosophy is not confined to a limited space, from where we cannot outside comfortably. Therefore, he asserts that philosophical problems arise when go outside from practical situations. That is why, he repeats the line- we must bring words back from their metaphysical to their everyday use.

Ans to Q No 11: By the word 'surface grammar' Wittgenstein means the similar grammatical structure of language or unique structure of language that is also known as the logical form of language. While the depth grammar means the diverse form of language by overlooking the unique structure of language. Therefore, Wittgenstein in his later phase of philosophy endorses the depth grammar.

Ans to Q No 12: a) False b) True c) True
d) True e) True

Ans to Q No 13: Wittgenstein's rejection of private language comes through the use theory of meaning. He in this respect holds the view that language requires rules and rules cannot be privately followed. According to the use theory of meaning, an expression has a meaning only if there is a regular and uniform connection between saying the expression and certain circumstances. In case of private language, Wittgenstein opines that there is not a hidden mental mechanism in case of understanding of language. He, therefore, emphasizes that language is a rule following activity in a language game, and not a private kind of affair engrossed in oneself. That is why, Wittgenstein denies the possibility of private language in a language game.

Ans to Q No 14: Ostensive definition is concerned with pointing to a something in order to find out the meaning. It also can be compared with Russellian way of processing knowledge that is knowledge by acquaintance. Ostensive definition is not a satisfactory way in case of determining the meaning of a word like knowledge by acquaintance. It provides only mere knowledge of the word rather than imparting a sufficient kind of knowledge of a thing.



8.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

a) Very short questions

Q 1: Mention the Wittgenstein's book in which we find a criticism of early Wittgenstein.

Q 2: What is language-game?

Q 3: Give an example of language–game.

Q 4: Who is the author of Blue and Brown Books?

Q 5: What is incomplete language-games?

Q 6: State a remarkable feature of Wittgenstein's later philosophy.

Q 7: Wittgenstein is an ordinary language philosopher. Is it a correct statement?

Q 8: Early Wittgenstein says, 'Words are pictures of reality". Is it a correct statement?

B. Short questions (Answer in about100-150 words)

Q 1: What do mean by the universal form of language? Explain briefly.

Q 2: Write a brief note on essential form of language

Q 3: Distinguish between surface grammar and depth grammar.

Q 4: Write a short on language-games.

Q 5: Briefly explain the concept of family resemblance.

Q 6: Explain briefly the use theory of meaning.

Q 8: Distinguish between picture theory and use theory of meaning.

Q 9: What are two grounds of rejecting the empiricists view on meaning? Briefly point out.

c) Long Questions (Answer in about 300-500 words)

Q 1: Does later Wittgenstein prescribe the essence of language? Explain

Q 2: 'Do not think but look'- Explain this statement.

Q 3: Explain the concept of language games.

Q 4: Does the concept of family resemblance denounce the theory of universality? Explain

Q 5: Explain the use theory of meaning.

Q 6: Do you find any distinction between picture theory and use theory of meaning? Explain

Q 7: 'Use determines the meaning of language"-Discuss this statement.

Q 8: Do you perceive any distinction between early and later view of Wittgenstein? Explain.

Q 9: Does the meaning of language consist in a picturing relation between words and things? Explain.

Q 10: 'Philosophical problems arise when language goes on holiday'- Describe this statement.

Q 11: Is the concept of private language possible in Wittgenstein's philosophy of language? Explain.

Q 12: Does the concept of private language play dominantrole in case of determining the meaning of language? Discuss

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