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MA1 S1 Pragmatics Exam

Full Name:

I. MATCH each concept with its definition (5 p)

- Performative utterance	the intended or unintended effect that the utterance can have on the hearer
- Locution	'saying something' that has the property of being either true or false
- Perlocution	the grammatical structure of the utterance.
- Illocution	the intended meaning behind the utterance
- Constative utterance	does not describe, report, or state anything, and is not 'true or false'

II. INDICATE the illocution, perlocution, and type of the following utterances (9 p).

1. There's a fly in my soup. (said by a customer to the restaurant's waiter)
2. A passerby says to a motorist with a flat tire, "Let me help you with that."
3. A police officer says to a man who was speeding, "You're under arrest"
4. A buyer says to a seller, "I agree with your terms"
5. A doctor says to a patient, "I advise you to stop smoking."
6. A teacher says: "Let the unknown in this problem be Ax@."

Utterance	illocution	perlocution	Type
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III. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN the differences between pragmatics, semantics, and discourse analysis (6 p)

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