

# Assignment 6

Lectures 16–19

Due on April 4, 2024

## Exercise 1 (40 points)

For each of the exchanges below please indicate which Conversational Maxim(s) is/are being violated or flouted. Provide a short explanation of the reasoning for your answer.

- (1) Gayle: Have you started your term paper yet?  
Dennis: The weather has just be so nice lately!
- (2) Rudy: Who gave you that watch?  
Claire: Santa Clause.
- (3) Tonya: Should I come in through the front door?  
Pedro: No, you should crawl in through the window.
- (4) Angelo: Is that a good game?  
Denise: It is, unquestionably and without a doubt, one of the games of all time. (sic.)

## Exercise 2 (60 points)

For each of the exchanges below:

**A.** Please state whether the associated implicature is a Scalar Implicature and provide some short explanation of the reasoning for your answer.

**B.** Please show how the associated implicature can be calculated from the truth conditions of the utterance and the assumption that the speaker is being cooperative. Be sure to present each step of reasoning in a clearly enumerated list.

- (5) Gayle: Were there a lot of people at your bagpipe recital?  
Kim: There were some people there.   ↗ There were not many people at Kim's bagpipe recital.
- (6) Steve: Hey bro, you want to hear my impression of Jeff Goldblum in *Jurassic Park*?  
Greg: This is a job interview...   ↗ Steve should not do his impression of Jeff Goldblum.
- (7) Waldo: Will you invite Lupita and Mitzie to your party?  
Tyler: I'll invite Lupita.   ↗ Tyler will not invite Mitzie.