**First test**

1. **Lexis in Context**

* Provide the meaning of the underlined/italicised lexical items and say what context clue is used in each sentence. Then use each word in a sentence of your own. (**04** **pts.**)

1. You claim you were at the soccer game at the time of the crime. Can anyone *corroborate* your story?
2. There are special units that investigate such *illicit* activities in the city as gambling and drugs.
3. My grandfather's *dormant* artistic urge awakened when he retired and took up painting.
4. Gina *embellished* her jeans with colourful embroidered flowers.
5. **Connotation**

* Decide which is the appropriate word to put into the sentence according to their connotative context. **(02pts)**

1. This coffee is very (bitter/strong) – just the way I like it!
2. What makes Jim such an excellent storyteller is his knack for (invention/lying).
3. Can you please ask the new saleswoman not to be so (enthusiastic /pushy)? She is scaring away the customers.
4. The sooner we move out of this (home/dump) the happier I will be.
5. **Polysemy**

* Supply an equivalent meaning to the word “hard” in the following examples. **(02pts.)**

1. It must be **hard** for her to, bringing up four children on her own.
2. She is a very **hard** worker.
3. My father was a **hard** man.
4. The newspaper story is based on **hard** evidence.

**Answer sheet**

1. **A. Lexis in Context (04pts.)**

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| **Lexis** | **Meaning** | **Context clue** |
| corroborate |  |  |
| illicit |  |  |
| dormant |  |  |
| embellish |  |  |

1. **Sentences:**
2. Corroborate
3. Illicit
4. Dormant
5. Embellish
6. **Connotation (02pts.)**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

1. **Polysemy (02pts.)**
2. Hard: ………………………………
3. Hard: ………………………………
4. Hard: ………………………………
5. Hard: ……………………………….

**Best of luck!**