

24.251 – Intro to the Philosophy of Language
Problem Set 9: Dummett on Theories of Meaning

1. What, according to Dummett, is wrong with a modest theories of meaning?
 - (a) They are unexplanatory.
 - (b) They conflate knowing the truth of a T-sentence with knowing the proposition expressed by the T-sentence.
 - (c) They are necessarily molecular.
 - (d) None of the above.

2. What, according to Dummett, is true of holism.
 - (a) It does not allow for systematic theories of meaning.
 - (b) It makes it hard to distinguish between verbal and non-verbal disagreements.
 - (c) Both.
 - (d) Neither.

3. What, according to Dummett, is distinctive of verificationist theories of meaning.
 - (a) The meaning of a sentence is determined by the condition under which the sentence would be true.
 - (b) What determines meaning is what is agreed on as establishing its correct application.
 - (c) It is broadly holistic.
 - (d) None of the above.