The encyclopaedic approach to semantic structure I: overview

1 The dictionary view

a. Which distinctions are central to the dictionary view of meaning?
b. Outline the advantages and disadvantages of this account.
c. Is there any common ground between this view, and the encyclopaedic view?

2 Centrality

In view of the distinction between conventional, generic, intrinsic and characteristic knowledge, discussed in Chapter 15, provide a characterisation for the following lexical items:

(1) apple
(2) diamond
(3) crocodile

3 Relevance

Consider the following sentence:

(1) John is a block of ice.

a. Provide a paraphrase of what you take this sentence to mean.
b. Based on what you have learned about relevance theory in Chapter 15, provide a relevance theory analysis showing how this interpretation is derived