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Preparation: pragmatics

I. Name the sentence types (exclamative, declarative etc.):

1. What is your name?
2. I am such a happy person!
3. Did Jack go to school yesterday?
4. I haven't seen her since September.
5. Go to your room!

II. Name the types of direct speech acts:

1. I now pronounce you husband and wife.
2. Yesterday, we went to the cinema and watched the latest Star Wars movie.
3. Give me some more time.
4. Thank you for your support.
5. I will make you pay for what you did.

III. For each of the following utterances, name

a. the clause type (declarative/interrogative/imperative)

b. the indirect speech act (assertive/representative, commissive, directive, declaration, expressive)

1. The meeting is adjourned.
2. I suggest you read these three books here and then draft an outline.
3. Isn't that just the best idea we've heard so far?
4. Can't you sit still for a minute?
5. Why don't you come over to dinner some time?
6. You may want to change this paragraph here.

IV. Think about which conversational maxims of the Cooperative Principle are being violated or flouted in the examples below:

1. A: Would you like a piece of cake?

B: I think that Bill has been very rude towards me recently.

2. A: Can you open the window?

B: Sure, just a moment, please.

3. A: Have you brought John with you?

B: Do I look like an idiot?

4. A: What's the weather like today?

B: I am going to put my coat on.