

Presupposition, Entailment, Implicature: practice examples

What is the relation (if any) between each statement and the lettered statements following it?

- (1) Cassidy inherited a farm.
 - a. Cassidy owned a farm.
 - b. Cassidy owns a farm.
- (2) Max quit smoking.
 - a. Max does not smoke now.
 - b. Max used to smoke.
- (3) It's sunny today.
 - a. It's warm today.
- (4) Maria and Alberto are married.
 - a. Maria and Alberto are married to each other.
- (5) Mary is an Italian violinist.
 - a. Some Italian is a violinist.
 - b. Mary is Italian.
- (6) John is allegedly a good player.
 - a. John is a good player.
- (7) Oscar and Jenny are rich.
 - a. Jenny is rich.
- (8) Oscar and Jenny are middle-aged.
 - a. Jenny is middle-aged.
- (9) Not everyone will get the correct answer.
 - a. Someone will get the correct answer.
- (10) Mary used to swim a mile daily.
 - a. Mary no longer swims a mile daily.
- (11) After Hans painted the walls, Pete installed the cabinets.
 - a. Hans painted the walls.
- (12) John believes that pigs do not have wings.
 - a. Pigs do not have wings.
- (13) John knows that pigs do not have wings.
 - a. Pigs do not have wings.

(14) If John discovers that Mary is in New York, he will get angry.
a. Mary is in New York.

(15) Don is at home or at work.
a. Don is at home.
b. I don't know whether Don is at home or at work.

(16) My older brother called.
a. I have an older brother.