2007 Paper 9 Question 2

Natural Language Processing

- (a) There are several different types of ambiguity in natural language. For *each* of the following cases, briefly describe how ambiguity may arise, illustrating your answer with examples:
 - (*i*) morphological ambiguity;
 - (*ii*) lexical ambiguity;
 - (*iii*) syntactic ambiguity;
 - (*iv*) ambiguity in rhetorical relations (discourse relations).

[12 marks total]

(b) Explain what is meant by "packing" in parsing and discuss its relevance to the treatment of ambiguity. [8 marks]