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ASSIGNMENT

Programme Name	: MA Linguistics (1 st Year)
Programme Code	: 237
Course Code & Name	: MAL-11 Introduction to Linguistics
Batch	: AY 2018-19/ CY-2019
No. of Assignment	: Assignment-1
Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Explain the meaning and nature of semantics.
- 2) Why is linguistics considered as science.
- 3) Distinguish between phonetics and phonology.
- 4) Discuss word order as a syntactic device, especially in English.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Discuss different kinds of semantic change.
- 2) What is morphology? How do you distinguish morphemic from morphology?
- 3) Explain the relationship and difference between morphemes and affixes.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) What are the features of a language?
- 2) Describe the variation in language.
- 3) Write down the difference between old and Middle English.
- 4) What is called Indian English? Explain.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) What is semantics? Explain the kinds of semantics.
- 2) Write an essay about sentence order in English.
- 3) Enumerate the growth of vocabulary.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) What are differences between spoken and written language?
- 2) Explain the relationship between the spelling and pronunciation.
- 3) Describe the varieties of language.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write a summary about Indo-European languages.
- 2) Describe the process of word formation.
- 3) What is ambiguity? Explain.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) How is the change of meaning happened in language?
- 2) Describe the speech acts.
- 3) Write an essay about grammar.
- 4) Explain syntax.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Discuss Discourse Analysis.
- 2) Explain psycholinguistics.
- 3) How does the caste/community impact on language variation?



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No. of Assignment	: Assignment-1
Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Write an essay on Indian variation in speech sounds.
- 2) Describe the word stress in English.
- 3) Explain syllables in English.
- 4) What is meant by supra segmental features? Explain with examples.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Elucidate the Broad and Narrow transcription.
- 2) Describe Allophones.
- 3) Draw the Organs of speech and Explain in detail about the speech sounds.



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Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Discuss the Prosodic phonology.
- 2) Enumerate the principles in Phonemic analysis.
- 3) What way the Phonetics and the Phonology differs? Explain in detail.
- 4) What is meant by IPA? Explain

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Explain Supra-segmental phonemes.
- 2) Describe redundant and contrastive features.
- 3) How many types of phonemes are in English? Explain.



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Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Discuss the organs of speech.
- 2) Explain accent and tone.
- 3) Write a note on phonetic transcription.
- 4) What is phonology? Explain.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Discuss phonetic similarity and phonemic principles.
- 2) Write a summary on intonation.
- 3) Explain monophthongs and diphthongs.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Write a short note on word and paradigm.
- 2) Write briefly on X-bar structure of the sentence.
- 3) Write a short note on Postpositions and Conjunctions.
- 4) Write an essay on word formation process.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) What is meant by Item and arrangement? Explain with examples.
- 2) Explain Grammatical and Functional categories in Syntax.
- 3) Discuss IC analysis and its types.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Explain the parts of speech in English.
- 2) Describe Morpheme in English
- 3) Write a note on Word order and Concord.
- 4) Elucidate word formation process.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write elaborately on Transformational Grammar.
- 2) Explain words and morphemes in English
- 3) Write an essay on sentence structure.



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Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Explain the followings:
 - a) free and bound morphemes
 - b) lexical and functional morphemes
- 2) What are the basic verb patterns in English? Describe.
- 3) Discuss the models of morphology analysis.
- 4) Explain deep and surface sentence structure with examples.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) What is called phrase structure rules? Explain.
- 2) Discuss phonetic similarity and phonemic principles.
- 3) Illustrate the types of nouns.



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Maximum	: 100 Marks
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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Explain “Multilingualism”.
- 2) Describe “Creole”.
- 3) Discuss Idiolect-Dialect-Language.
- 4) Write an essay on Diglossia.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write a short note on Sociology of language.
- 2) Enumerate the impact of Bilingualism in Education.
- 3) Write elaborately on the use of language in Mass media.



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Maximum	: 100 Marks
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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Describe elaborately on Language planning.
- 2) Explain *lingua franca*.
- 3) What is meant by code mixing and Code Switching? Explain with examples.
- 4) What is called Linguistic Community? Discuss.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Illustrate sociolinguistic differences.
- 2) Explain 'dialect' and 'accent'.
- 3) What is code switching? How does the code switching exist in Singapore, Indonesia and Kenya?



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Describe the relationship between language and society.
- 2) Explain 'langue' and 'parole' formulated by Ferdinand de Saussure.
- 3) What is called Received Pronunciation? Explain.
- 4) Describe the concept of pidgin.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Enumerate the seven criteria of identifying language.
- 2) Discuss theories and levels of creoles.
- 3) How a language is being practiced in some countries of the world? Explain.



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Maximum	: 100 Marks
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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) What is Neurolinguistics? Explain briefly.
- 2) Discuss the role of lexical items in linguistics.
- 3) Write a description on speech errors in language production.
- 4) Describe Stuttering, Chattering, Deafness, and Voice disorder.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write an essay on Aphasia and Hemipherectomy.
- 2) Distinguish between First language acquisition and Second language acquisition.
- 3) Write an essay on Dyslexia, Autism and Down's syndrome.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) How the mind is related to language? Explain in detail.
- 2) Describe Psycholinguistics.
- 3) Discuss the speech errors in language production.
- 4) Explain the relationship between Comprehension and production.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write an essay about language and thought.
- 2) Explain Pavlov's theory.
- 3) Discuss 'conceptualisation' and 'formulation'



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Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Describe theories of language learning.
- 2) Write about contribution of Noam Chomsky for linguistics.
- 3) Explain Speech errors in language production.
- 4) What are the three levels of information in language? Discuss

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write down Guthrie's theory.
- 2) Discuss the first language learning.
- 3) Explain psycholinguistics in detail.