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**ASSIGNMENT**

Programme Name	: MA Linguistics (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)
Programme Code	: 237
Course Code & Name	: <b>MAL-11 Introduction to Linguistics</b>
Batch	: CY-2019
No. of Assignment	: <b>Assignment-1</b>
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) What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the spoken and written languages?
- 2) Elaborate the sociolinguistics.
- 3) How does language vary according to the physical features of the speaker?
- 4) Discuss the expansion of vocabulary.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Write an essay about the spelling and pronunciation.
- 2) Discuss different kinds of semantic change.
- 3) Explain the psycholinguistics.



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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) Write down the difference between old and Middle English.
- 2) What is called as Standard English? Explain
- 3) What is called Indian English? Explain.
- 4) Illustrate the basic division of language.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Write an essay about sentence order in English.
- 2) What is semantics? Explain the kinds of semantics.
- 3) Elaborate the internal structure of phrase.



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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) Describe the varieties of language.
- 2) How was Middle English?
- 3) Explain the relationship between the spelling and pronunciation.
- 4) Describe 'displacement', 'arbitrariness' and 'cultural transmission'

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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



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

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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



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No. of Assignment	: <b>Assignment-1</b>
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) Describe physiological phonetics.
- 2) Discuss the organs of speech.
- 3) Write an essay on Indian variation in speech sounds.
- 4) Explain syllables in English.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Illustrate intonation.
- 2) Elucidate the Broad and Narrow transcription.
- 3) Explain redundant and contrastive features.



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No. of Assignment	: <b>Assignment-2</b>
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) Enumerate the principles in Phonemic analysis.
- 2) Discuss the Prosodic phonology.
- 3) What is meant by IPA? Explain
- 4) Explain monophthongs and diphthongs.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) What is accent? List out English Accent rules.
- 2) Explain Supra-segmental phonemes.
- 3) Describe broad and narrow transcription.



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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 types of phonemes?
- 2) Discuss the phonological hierarchy.
- 3) Explain accent and tone.
- 4) What is phonology? Explain.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Write a summary on intonation.
- 2) Discuss phonetic similarity and phonemic principles.
- 3) Write an essay about speech act.



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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) Write briefly about free and bound morphemes.
- 2) How many types of clauses in English? Explain.
- 3) Write a short note on word and paradigm.
- 4) Write a short note on Postpositions and Conjunctions.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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





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

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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



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



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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) Explain Chomsky's competence and performance.
- 2) Discuss Idiolect-Dialect-Language.
- 3) Describe the concept of pidgin.
- 4) Explain "Multilingualism".

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Write elaborately about the gender differences and social demands.
- 2) Discuss the contribution of Saussure for linguistics.
- 3) Enumerate the impact of Bilingualism in Education.



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No. of Assignment	: <b>Assignment-2</b>
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) What is meant by code mixing and Code Switching? Explain with examples.
- 2) Explain *lingua franca*.
- 3) What is called Linguistic Community? Discuss.
- 4) Describe elaborately on Language planning.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Explain the criteria being used for identification of language types.
- 2) Illustrate sociolinguistic differences.
- 3) Explain 'dialect' and 'accent'.



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

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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



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

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

- 1) Write an essay on cognition and stages of production of language.
- 2) Distinguish between First language acquisition and Second language acquisition.
- 3) Write an essay on Aphasia and Hemipherectomy.



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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) Describe Psycholinguistics.
- 2) Explain the relationship between Comprehension and production.
- 3) How the mind is related to language? Explain in detail.
- 4) Illustrate the theories of language learning.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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



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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 about contribution of Noam Chomsky for linguistics.
- 2) Describe second language acquisition.
- 3) What are the three levels of information in language? Discuss
- 4) Define- down syndrome, aging and deafness in language disorders.

**Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)**

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

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