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M.A. Semester-end Examination – Linguistics

Semester III

LNG 301: Languages of South Asia

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Note: ALL sections are compulsory

Maximum marks 60

Date 14.10.2020

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. Write an essay on the concept of India as a Linguistic Area.
2. Discuss the major characteristic features of Dravidian languages.
3. Compare with suitable examples the typological characteristics of Munda and Mon-Khmer sub-branch of Austro-Asiatic languages and evaluate the claim that both sub-branches are typologically distinct.

SECTION B

Answer any SIX short notes from the following:

Marks 30

1. Language isolates
2. Sources of information on Indian languages
3. Writing systems of India
4. Andamanese language family
5. Tibeto-Burman languages of South-Asia
6. Sociolinguistic Area
7. Sub-grouping of Modern Indo-Aryan languages
8. Characteristic features of Middle Indo-Aryan

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LNG 302: Historical Linguistics

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

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Maximum marks 60

Date 15.10.2020

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. Write a critical essay on the Neogrammarian hypotheses.
2. a) Explain the scope of historical linguistics b) explain the multidisciplinary nature of historical linguistics.
3. Identify the sound change(s) between Old Indic and Maharastri Prakrit in the following table- in terms of which are conditioned and which are not and in terms of types of sound change.

	Old Indic	Maharastri Prakrit	gloss
1	<i>agni</i>	<i>aggi</i>	fire
2	<i>anta</i>	<i>anta</i>	end
3	<i>aṅka</i>	<i>aṅka</i>	hook
4	<i>arka</i>	<i>akka</i>	sun
5	<i>b^hakti</i>	<i>b^hatti</i>	devotion
6	<i>catwāri</i>	<i>cattāri</i>	four
7	<i>kalpa</i>	<i>kappa</i>	rule
8	<i>kardama</i>	<i>kaddama</i>	mud
9	<i>kaṭaka</i>	<i>kaḍaa</i>	bracelet
10	<i>kāka</i>	<i>kāa</i>	crow
11	<i>mudgara</i>	<i>muggara</i>	mallet
12	<i>pitā</i>	<i>piā</i>	father
13	<i>rudra</i>	<i>rudda</i>	terrible
14	<i>sapatnī</i>	<i>savattī</i>	co-wife
15	<i>sputa</i>	<i>sutta</i>	asleep

16	<i>šabda</i>	<i>sadda</i>	sound
17	<i>šata</i>	<i>saa</i>	hundred
18	<i>utkaṅṭhā</i>	<i>ukkaṅṭhā</i>	desire
19	<i>vikrama</i>	<i>vikkama</i>	strength
20	<i>viṭapa</i>	<i>viḍava</i>	branch

SECTION B

Answer any SIX short notes from the following:

Marks 30

1. Can one completely set aside linguistic contact phenomena in studying languages diachronically? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Write a note on generative approach to language change.
3. How synchronic variation/dialectal variation in a language complement diachronic study?
4. What is the Uniformitarian Principle?
5. What is a micro linguistic area? Explain with an example.
6. What are the social factors responsible for the spread of language change?
7. Write with examples about the effects of semantic change.
8. What are the limitations of internal reconstruction?

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LNG 305: Semantics-2

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Note: ALL sections are compulsory

Maximum marks 60

Date 16.10.2020

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. Explain the term *lexical aspect* and the Vendlerian classification of verbs with examples from your home language.
2. Discuss Beth Levin's proposal for how verb semantics influences syntactic structures in which the verb participates. Give suitable examples.
3. Describe Len Talmy's approach to the representation of the internal semantic structure of a sentence. Give examples.

SECTION B

Answer any SIX short notes from the following:

Marks 30

1. Compositionality of meaning
2. Define and illustrate the following terms: inchoative verb, resultative verb, telicity,.
3. Participant role of Agent
4. Imperfective aspect
5. Schematicity of meaning
6. Model-theoretic semantics
7. Quantifiers in language
8. Evidentiality

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LNG 306: Computational Linguistics – I

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Maximum marks 60

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Date 17.10.2020

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. What is Computational Linguistics? Discuss its relationship with other allied disciplines.
2. Write a detailed note on corpus annotation. Provide a short annotated English corpora.
3. How is corpus-based MRD created?

SECTION B

Answer any SIX short notes from the following:

Marks 30

1. WordNet
2. ConceptNet
3. Speech synthesis
4. Speech Recognition
5. NLP
6. POS tagging
7. Top-down parsing
8. Bottom-up parsing