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M.A. Semester-end Examination – Linguistics

LNG 301: LANGUAGES OF SOUTH ASIA

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Note: ALL Sections are compulsory

Maximum marks 50

Date 19.01.2021

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. What are the major sources of information on the languages of South Asia? Discuss in some detail.
2. Discuss the characteristic linguistic features of the Munda sub-branch.
3. Explain the concept of Proto-Dravidian and list with illustration its major characteristic features.

SECTION B

Answer any FOUR short notes from the following:

Marks 20

1. Language isolates
2. Writing systems
3. Morpho-syntax of Indo-Aryan languages
4. Indo-Aryan phonology
5. Sociolinguistic Area
6. Andamanese languages in India

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LNG 302: HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Maximum marks 50

Note: ALL Sections are compulsory

Date 21.01.2021

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. What is grammaticalization? Explain the processes in grammaticalization with suitable examples.
2. Write a critical note on the Neogrammarian hypotheses.
3. Here are a few sets of words belonging to Tamil and English. The words show some similarities and also some differences. Can you claim that the two languages are genetically related on the basis of these similarities? If not, can you give any specific reason why the two cannot be regarded as genetically related?

Tamil	Gloss	English
<i>onru</i>	'one'	<i>one</i>
<i>eṭṭu</i>	'eight'	<i>eight</i>
<i>aruvi</i>	'brook'	<i>river</i>
<i>ellam</i>	'all'	<i>all</i>
<i>ku:ṭu</i>	'possible'	<i>could</i>
<i>paiaṅ</i>	'boy'	<i>boy</i>
<i>kol</i>	'kill'	<i>kill</i>
<i>maṅi</i>	'bead'	<i>money</i>
<i>katti</i>	'knife'	<i>cutter</i>
<i>mania</i>	'house'	<i>manor</i>
<i>kiṭai</i>	'obtain'	<i>get</i>
<i>ve:ṇṭu</i>	'want'	<i>want</i>

SECTION B

Answer any FOUR short notes from the following:

Marks 20

1. Generative approach to sound change
2. Any two types of systematic analogy
3. Mechanism of semantic change
4. Comparison of Lexical Diffusion Theory with Labovian approach to language change
5. Internal Reconstruction
6. Relic area and transition area

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LNG 305: SEMANTICS-II

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Maximum marks 50

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Date 23.01.2021

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. What is the distinction between *lexical aspect* and *grammatical aspect*? Discuss in detail the Vendlerian classification of event types. Give examples from at least two languages known to you.
2. What is a metaphor in cognitive semantics? How do metaphors account for the development of polysemy in language? Give suitable examples.
3. What do you understand by *theme-goal argument alternation*? Explain how the alternation can be understood in terms of semantic components. Give examples.

SECTION B

Answer any FOUR short notes from the following:

Marks 20

1. Katz's generative lexicon
2. Epistemic modality
3. Existential and universal quantifiers in language
4. Image schemas
5. Jackendoff's localist semantic fields
6. Proto-Agent entailments

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LNG 306: COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Note: ALL Sections are compulsory

Maximum marks 50

Date 27.01.2021

SECTION A

Answer any TWO essay type questions from the following:

Marks 30

1. Do POS tagging of the following English passage using Penn Tagset:

The three men were set to die. Their faces froze forever in agony, eyes crazed with fear. Each prisoner stood before a cannon, limbs bound behind their backs like Prometheus upon the rock.

2. Discuss the issues in Speech Recognition with specific examples.
3. What is Machine Translation? Discuss methods in Machine Translation.

SECTION B

Write short notes on any FOUR of the following:

Marks 20

1. WordNet
2. WSD
3. Sentiment Analysis
4. Morphological analyser
5. MANTRA-Rajbhasha
6. CALT