

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI**

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**HSS F222: Linguistics**

**Mid Semester Test (Open Book)**

**Time: 90 minutes**

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**Max Marks: 60**

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**Q.1** Following English words have been transcribed phonemically. Write these words in English orthography. **(10)**

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

**Q.2** What is the difference between an open syllable word language and the language which uses both open and closed syllable words? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. **(10)**

**Q.3** How do languages differ from each other in terms of consonant clusters? What kind of problems does a non native speaker face when he/she uses a second language and how does he/she overcome those problems? Substantiate your answer with appropriate examples. **(10)**

**Q.4** Draw the tree diagrams for Immediate Constituent Analysis of the following sentences and label them properly to specify the immediate and ultimate constituents of the sentence. **(2x5=10)**

**(a) All the three intelligent students joined a two year diploma program in photography.**

**(b) Ramu killed the snake which was crossing the bridge.**

**Q.5** Understanding various word formation processes like coinage, borrowing, compounding, blending, clipping, backformation, conversion, acronyms, and derivation, find out the word formation processes which are applied in your language and English. Which are the processes which you think are rarely used in your language and why? **(15)**

**Q.6** Analyze the following word in terms of root, base and stem. **(5)**  
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