

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI
Second Semester (2017-18)
HSS F222: Linguistics

Comprehensive Examination (Closed Book)

Time: 3 Hours

11 May 2018

Max Marks: 80

Q.1 Explain the difference between the followings: **(3x4=12)**

- (i) overt and covert prestige
- (ii) phonemic and phonetic transcription
- (iii) Schema and Script
- (iv) Integrative and Instrumental Motivation

Q.2. Write short notes (not more than 50 words) on the followings and give suitable examples. **(4x4=16)**

- (a) Metonymy
- (b) Deixis
- (c) Cohesion
- (d) Gender

Q.3. Explain the followings in about 50 words each: **(4x4=16)**

- (a) isogloss changing into a dialect boundary
- (b) a language variety becoming the standard language
- (c) pictogram developing into ideogram
- (d) a pidgin becoming a creole

Q.4. Discuss any four social variables which cause language variation. Give suitable examples from your own readings / experiences. **(10)**

Q.5 Why is language planning required in a multilingual state? How does it help the state as well as the languages used in the state? In a country like India how has the language policy (three languages formula) helped in maintaining unity and integrity of the nation? **(14)**

Q.6. What is diglossia? When all kinds of boundaries/restrictions in language use are either disappearing or shrinking, do you think languages with diglossia have any future to remain so? In case your answer is 'yes', justify your answer. If your answer is 'no', which variety of the language, do you think, will have the possibility to lose its importance and why? **(12)**
