

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI
First Semester (2022-23)
HSS F222: Linguistics

Comprehensive Examination (Closed Book)

Time: 3 Hours

28 December 2022

Max Marks: 80

Q.1 Write short notes (not more than 50 words) on the followings and give suitable examples. **(2x5=10)**

- (a) Consonant clusters
- (b) Gender
- (c) Presupposition
- (d) Prototype
- (e) Deixis

Q.2 Differentiate between the followings: **(3x4=12)**

- (i) Idiolect and sociolect
- (ii) Bilingualism and diglossia
- (iii) Schema and script
- (iv) Homophones and homonyms

Q.3 Generate at least 6 different grammatical sentences using the following Phrase Structure Rules. **(6 Marks)**

S NP VP
NP { Art (Adj) N, Pro, PN }
VP V NP

Q.4 Explain the followings with appropriate examples in about 150 words each: **(4x2=8 Marks)**

- (a) Instrumental and integrative motivation
- (b) Role of prototype in understanding the meaning of a superordinate

Q.5 What is pragmatics and what are the important aspects of pragmatics which help a listener understand what the speaker intended to convey. **(14 Marks)**

Q.6 How is the first language (L1) acquisition different from the second language (L2) / foreign language (FL) learning? According to you which would be more complex and difficult to learn-L1, L2, or FL and why? What two steps one should take to learn an L2 or an FL faster? **(15 Marks)**

Q.7 Identify four differentiating factors on which two social groups can be considered culturally different and show how language helps in establishing cultural identity of a group. Based on your answer confirm if Sapir-Whorf hypothesis has any relevance? Write your answer in about 300 words. **(15 Marks)**
