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First Semester (2023-24)

HSS F222: Linguistics

Mid Semester Test (Open Book)

Time: 90 minutes

14 October 2023

Max Marks: 60

Q.1 How does a speaker use the sounds of his/her mother tongue (L1) while speaking a second language (L2)? Elaborate the possible influences of the mother tongue at the sound level assuming that English is the second language and one of the Indian languages happens to be your mother tongue (first language). Provide at least four appropriate examples. You can use letters of your language with English transliteration in bracket to quote sounds from your language. **(10 Marks)**

Q.2 Read the following words carefully and analyze the syllable structure of all the syllables in the given words using 'C' for consonant and 'V' for vowel sounds. Also, specify the type (close or open) of those syllables. **(10 Marks)**

(a) appoint (b) quality (c) receive (d) production

Q.3 Read the following sentence and carry out a morphological analysis of this sentence labeling all morphemes with all possible morphological categories. **(10)**

The teacher scolded his students for not submitting their assignments regularly.

Q.4 Read the following sentence and draw its tree diagram specifying Immediate and Ultimate Constituents. **(10 Marks)**

The prices of essential commodities depend on their demands in the market.

Q.5 (a) See the following Phrase Structure (PS) Rule. Construct 6 grammatical sentences in English using the given rule. **(12 Marks)**

S {Pro, Prop N, (Art) (Adj) N} V {Pre P, NP}

(b) If a student constructs the following sentence as one of the six sentences while answering the question 5 (a) how will you explain that this sentence cannot be generated using the PS Rule prescribed in 5(a). **(8 Marks)**

The three old wise men slept under a tree comfortably.
