

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI
First Semester (2023-24)
HSS F222: Linguistics

Comprehensive Examination (Closed Book)

Time: 3 Hours

16 December 2023

Max Marks: 80

Instruction: Read all the questions very carefully and answer them based on your readings, classroom interactions, and your own experiences.

Q.1 Write short notes on each of the followings citing suitable examples. **(3x5=15)**

- (a) Interlanguage
- (b) Aphasia
- (c) Politeness
- (d) Superordinate
- (e) Presupposition

Q.2 Differentiate between the followings: **(4x5=20 Marks)**

- (i) Idiolect and sociolect
- (ii) Isogloss and Dialect boundary
- (iii) Schema and script
- (iv) Register and Jargon
- (v) Instrumental and integrative motivation

Q.3 “The creation of new words in a language never stops and English is one language that is particularly fond of adding to its large vocabulary.” Justify this statement describing word formation processes. Provide suitable examples. **(15 Marks)**

Q.4 Discuss any four social variables which cause language variation. Give suitable examples from your own readings / experiences. Write your answer in about 300 words. **(12 Marks)**

Q.5 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. Does language and culture interaction strengthen Sapir and Whorf hypothesis? Write your answer in about 300 words. **(12 Marks)**

Q.6 Explain the differences among the First Language, the Second Language, and the Foreign Language citing suitable examples. **(6 Marks)**
