

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

**Second Semester (2022-23)**

**HSS F222: Linguistics**

**Mid Semester Test (Open Book)**

**Time: 90 minutes**

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**Max Marks: 60**

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**Q.1** Why do Indian students find the English sounds of the underlined part of the following words difficult. What measures need to be taken to articulate these sounds correctly. **(15)**

**thorn    without                      possess                      measure                      know**

**Q.2** Due to some problem in larynx a young person had to undergo a surgery when his vocal cords were removed. What impacts this surgery will have on this person's speech? Explain with appropriate examples. **(10)**

**Q.3** "Language is a dynamic system. Some languages seem to be more dynamic compare to other languages. For example, English seems to be more dynamic compare to Indian languages." Elaborate this statement with appropriate examples. Write your answer in about 350 words. **(15)**

**Q.4** Read the following sentence and carry out a morphological analysis of this sentence labeling all morphemes with all possible morphological categories. **(10)**

**The quality of parliamentary debates has deteriorated significantly over a period of time.**

**Q.5** Read the following sentences and formulate a Phrase Structure Rule which can generate these sentences. **(10)**

**The dogs bark in the night.**

**All children gave the correct answer.**

**The angry boy hit him.**

**The little girl gave a befitting reply.**

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