

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad
(Deemed to be University)
LANGUAGE TYPOLOGY AND UNIVERSALS
Mid Semester Examination
[SPRING 2024-25]

Max. Marks: 50

Max. Time: 90 minutes

Answer all the questions

1. Give two examples for each concept: [10 x 1 = 10 marks]

- a. Blending
- b. Paragoge
- c. Analogical levelling
- d. Folk Etymology
- e. Apocope
- f. Total contact regressive assimilation
- g. Haplology
- h. Partial contact progressive assimilation
- i. Epenthesis
- j. Metathesis

2. Write short notes on any three from the following: [5 x 3 = 15 marks]

- a. Grimm's law
- b. Borrowing
- c. Linguistic Area
- d. Formation of new words (neologisms)
- e. Internal reconstruction

3. Translate the following sentences into your mother tongue. Then, compare and analyze the similarities and differences between your language and the original. Identify any challenging terms and explain why they are difficult to translate. [9 marks]

(i) I have a little kitten, and I can't wait to get home early to play with her. I like her antics.

(ii) John and Kate, cousins living on the outskirts of Goa, share a private beach near their homes.

(iii) The meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of the second Saturday in March, which is a public holiday.

4. Look at the data below. Classify them into different sets and explain the changes that are reflected in each set. Each set should represent a separate sound change. Some words may illustrate more than one change and so they may appear in more than one set. [6+4 = 10 marks]

(A)	Sanskrit	Pali
	śaśa	sasa
	gāura	gōra
	sna:na	sina:na
	sneha	sineha
	mauna	mōna
	keśa	kesa
	augha	ōgha
	tāila	tēla
	dośa	dosa
	snihyati	sinihyati
	deśa	desa

(B)	Sanskrit	Prakrit
	sapta	satta
	śara	sara
	vismaya	vimhaya
	tikta	titta
	śava	savva
	śakta	satta
	karma	kamma
	gri:cma	grimha
	praśna	panha

5. How is time typically expressed in your language when reading a wall clock? Please describe the common time-related phrases used and provide their closest English translations. Do these phrases follow a particular pattern? Additionally, how do these expressions compare to English? For example, how would 1:00 PM, 2:15 PM, 3:30 AM, and 4:45 AM be stated? Are there any unique or culturally specific ways of telling time that differ from English? [6 marks]