

# Introduction To Linguistics – 1

## CL1.101.M21

### Assignment 1

#### Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> December 11:55 PM

Note: Every example or sentences or any such insights must be done in an Indian Language. The text should be romanized and not in the original script of the language. **Mention the Language used in the beginning.**

#### Q1.

Give 10 examples of onomatopoeic words from an Indian Language along with a short description of the word regarding what it means.

**For example:**

*boom* – the sound heard due to an explosion

*ahem* – the utterance of sound similar to clearing of throat

Give examples other than what was discussed in class. Please refrain from searching on google straightaway. Give some thought to it and try to explore your language – there would be ample of examples.

#### Q2.

This question is related to the recursive characteristic of human language.

(a) Take a phrase in an Indian Language, and apply the concept of recursion to it, ultimately to produce **5 such phrases** having the initial phrase. They should continuously increase in their level of recursion. Also underline the part of current phrase which you added to the previous phrase.

**For example:**

*Initial phrase : colour*

*level 1: colour*

*level 2: the tail's colour*

*level 3: the cat's tail's colour*

*level 4: my friend's cat's tail's colour*

*level 5: my brother's friend's cat's tail's colour*

(b) Similar to part(a), here you would apply recursion on a sentence to produce **5 sentences** having the initial sentence. Again, they should continuously increase in their levels of recursion and underline the part of current sentence which you added to the previous level.

**For example:**

*Initial Sentence: Galileo said that the Earth moves*

*Level 1: Galileo said that the Earth moves*

*Level 2: The officers claimed that Galileo said that the Earth moves*

*Level 3: The church alleged that the officers claimed Galileo said that the Earth moves*

*Level 4: ...*

*Level 5: ...*

Or

*Level 1: That boy is my brother*

*Level 2: The boy who is standing there is my brother*

*Level 3: The boy who is standing there wearing a white shirt is my brother*

*Level 4: ...*

*Level 5: ...*