

Date: Sep 21, 2019

LINGUISTICS 1  
(Language Typology and Universals)

Total Marks: 40  
Time: 1.5 hrs

Mid-semester  
Answer all the questions:

1. Write short notes on:

[4 x 4 = 16 marks]

- a. causative constructions
- b. duality of pattern
- c. absolute and statistical universals
- d. echo words and reduplicative words

2. What are implicational universals? Discuss them by looking at the basic colour terms.

[5 marks]

3. How is Chomskyan approach to study language universals different from Greenberg's?

[5 marks]

4. Translate the following text in your first language. Compare the translated text with English and comment on 10 differences in the two languages. Also, comment on the translating challenges.

[14 marks]

① "I have some good news to share with you. My sister, who is younger than Radha, is getting  
② married first. You have to come for the wedding. Okay? I ③ am very happy. I like weddings  
because I can make my mother buy nice clothes for me. The groom is from Delhi. He may come  
soon to Hyderabad on some office work. His uncle told Daddy that he will make him visit us  
definitely at my grandmother's house in Chanda Nagar when he comes."

④ NO

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