

INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTIS 2 (SPRING 2025)

Mid-semester exams

25 marks. Questions 1 to 7 carry three marks each. Question 8 carries four marks.

1. What is Linguistic Relativity? Give at least three arguments against the strong version of the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis.
2. How is Denotative meaning different from Connotative meaning? Give examples from your own language.
3. Is Absolute synonymy possible? Give examples from your own language to support your answer.
4. What are gradable antonyms? What are their characteristic features?
5. What is phatic communication? How do they replace actions/emotions in real life?
6. Discuss with examples the difference between Entailment and Presupposition. Support your argument with Truth-value tables for each.
7. Indicate the relationship between the following pairs of words (in bold):
 - a) A **lioness** hunts in a pack.
The **cat** licked the cream
 - b) The **trees** are green in Spring
Trees shed **leaves** in autumn.
 - c) She was the **sole** survivor in the accident.
My **sole** is hurting.
 - d) The **father** went shopping.
The **child** wanted ice cream.
 - e) He **exhaled** the smoke.
It is good to **inhale** oxygen.
 - f) The Gange **issues** at Gangotri.
The results will be **issued** soon.
8. Write short notes on the following with examples:
 - (a) Tautology
 - (b) Anomaly
 - (c) Hyponymy
 - (d) Meronymy