

Indian Institute of Technology Patna  
Mid Semester Examination  
Media and Linguistics (HS 225)  
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**Full Marks: 50**

**Duration: 2 hours**

**Read the questions carefully before answering.**

1. Listed below are some of the features of human language. Provide the suitable term for the features described below: (10 \* 0.5 = 5)

- a. A speaker can go on generating sentences of larger and larger lengths by inserting phrases and clauses into the original sentence.
- b. A speaker always addresses a particular hearer unlike an animal like lion which roars aloud even without an audience.
- c. As a speaker my language empowers me to talk about fictitious things.
- d. I can talk about myself too when I speak.
- e. My voice will not be audible immediately after I complete my utterance.
- f. My society plays an important role in my language acquisition and learning.
- g. I can hear what I speak and I can also immediately correct if I speak something incorrectly.
- h. I can talk about far of things as well as of past and future.
- i. I can be the hearer as well as the speaker at the same time.
- j. Everything that I speak must have some meaning.

2. Match the following in the most suitable manner:

(5 \* 1 = 5)

- | A                | B                   |
|------------------|---------------------|
| a. Prefix        | [im] in 'impossible |
| b. Free morpheme | possible            |
| c. Function word | Adjective           |
| d. Content word  | and                 |
| e. Allomorph     | front of the stem   |

3. Define **any five** of the following in one sentence and give at least one example each.

(5 \* 2 = 10)

- a. Bias
- b. Tautology
- c. Stem
- d. Paradigmatic
- e. Bricolage
- f. Collocation
- g. Dead Air

- ✓ 4. Write a short note on stereotypes. What are the different types of stereotypes you have witnessed so far? Can you suggest remedies to curtail stereotypes? (5)

- ✓ 5. Identify the **root morphemes** in the following words: (5\*0.5= 2.5)

- Cupcake
- Driver
- Foolishly
- Nervous
- Kingdom

- ✓ 6. Using the **root morphemes** from question 5 above make another set of words **using different** affixes than the ones given in question 5. (5 \* 1= 5)

- ✓ 7. Closely read the following language data from Veracruz dialect (Mexico). List all the morphemes and give the meaning of each. (5)

|                     |                    |                     |                |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| ✓ <i>ikalwewe</i>   | his big house      | ✓ <i>petatci.n</i>  | little mat     |
| ✓ <i>ikalsosol</i>  | his old house      | <i>ikalmeh</i>      | his house      |
| ✓ <i>ikalci.n</i>   | his little house   | ✓ <i>komitmeh</i>   | cooking pots ✓ |
| ✓ <i>komitwewe</i>  | big cooking pot    | ✓ <i>petatmeh</i>   | mats           |
| ✓ <i>komitsosol</i> | old cooking pot    | <i>ko.yameci.n</i>  | little pig     |
| ✓ <i>komitci.n</i>  | little cooking pot | <i>ko.yamewewe</i>  | big male pig   |
| ✓ <i>petatwewe</i>  | big mat            | <i>ko.yameilama</i> | big female pig |
| ✓ <i>patatsosol</i> | old mat            | <i>ko.yamemeh</i>   | pigs           |

- ✓ 8. Based on the phonetic properties of human sound system, differentiate between the pair of sounds listed below: (1\*5= 5)

- /i/ and /u/
- /k/ and /g/
- /p/ and /m/
- /s/ and /z/
- /e/ and /o/

- ✓ 9. Write the phonetic transcription of the following: (1\*5 = 5)

- Bad
- City
- Stand
- Prank
- Song

- ✓ 10. Write a detailed note either on **metaphors in media** language or **binary opposites in media programmes**. Illustrate with the help of examples. (2.5)

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